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Habib in last-ditch effort to defuse crisis

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Assmer
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 15 — U.S. media efforts to defuse the Syrian-Israeli crisis in Lebanon were focused today on Israel Friday, as special presidential envoy Philip Habib made a last-ditch effort to persuade Israeli leaders that the Soviet Union would emerge the winner from any major conflict.

The Reagan administration believes that if Israel launches a major attack on Syrian missile batteries in central Lebanon and sparks a general war, then virtually all the Arab states — including possibly Egypt — would rally to Syria's side, informed sources said.

Such a realignment would seriously threaten the administration's security strategy and perhaps shatter the Egyptian-Israeli peace and the entire Camp David process, the sources said.

Officials noted that even Syria's Baathist rival, Iraq, has publicly pledged support for Damascus in the event of war.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, speaking to reporters at the State Department Thursday afternoon, described the crisis as "an extremely delicate situation with the most dangerous overtones."

Responding to a question on Lebanon by

Arab News, Haig said a peaceful solution to the crisis was "a longshot" and warned that "time is running out."

But the secretary stressed that "we continue to try" to mediate a peaceful solution, "just as long as our efforts make a constructive contribution."

Meanwhile, numerous Arab officials have been voicing their views on the crisis in meetings with State Department officials here. The Reagan administration is taking the views of Arab states seriously, particularly those of Saudi Arabia.

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In an authoritative commentary, state-run Damascus radio accused Washington of trying to impose U.S. and Israeli conditions on Syria. In an interview, with *Ashraf Al Awwat* published Friday, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam made it clear that Syria would not withdraw newly-installed missiles from Lebanon under pressure from the U.S. or Israel. (Related story on Page 4)

Israeli officials in Tel Aviv had also spoken of an American plan to smooth the crisis, whereby Syria would quietly withdraw its

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ENERGETIC LEADER: Newly elected French President Francois Mitterrand is about to enter his car under pouring rain followed by his brother Roger Hamelin Law recently in Chateau Chillon.

Office assumption Mitterrand faces date dilemma

PARIS, May 15 (AFP) — President-elect Francois Mitterrand has proposed that he take office Wednesday (May 20) in a message he sent Friday to incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Earlier in the day, France's constitutional court fixed midnight Saturday, May 23, as the moment at which Giscard d'Estaing's seven-year mandate will expire.

The outgoing president had proposed to transfer power to Mitterrand Tuesday, May 19, the seventh anniversary of his election to the Elysee Palace in 1974. In the letter to Giscard d'Estaing, which was made public, Mitterrand wrote that "it seems desirable to me that the date chosen should be May 20."

The constitutional court officially also proclaimed earlier in the day the Socialist leader's election as president. By polling 15,708,262 of the 30,350,568 valid votes cast in the election, Mitterrand won by a margin of 1,065,956 over Giscard d'Estaing, who had 14,642,306 votes, the council communicated.

If Mitterrand takes office Tuesday or Wednesday, he is expected to set the date of the forthcoming two-round general election for June 14 and 21, in a bid to obtain the Socialist majority in parliament he needs to

consolidate his own presidential victory. The constitutional council, in giving the official results of Sunday's presidential election, indicated that it had disallowed the total ballots cast in six polling stations throughout France because of irregularities and violations of voting regulations.

Two of the polling stations were in the outer Paris area, two in Corsica, one in Normandy, and one in southern France.

Council President Roger Frey visited the President-elect at this Paris home shortly after the proclamation, to tell him officially of the election result. They were expected to discuss the timetable for the switchover. Giscard d'Estaing said Friday he approved whatever date the council chose after May 19.

The country's political parties are already preparing for the new test of strength. The two principal groups of the center-right announced Friday a 10-point program for the legislative elections. The program was put forward by the Union for French Democracy (UDF) — Giscard d'Estaing's Party — and the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), headed by Jacques Chirac, who lost out on the first round of the presidential election.

Pope's condition stays stable

ROME, May 15 (Agencies) — After his narrow escape from death at the hands of a gunman Pope John Paul Friday remained in stable condition doctors expressed satisfaction at his rate of recovery.

As more details of the wounds emerged, it became clear that he was extremely lucky to survive Wednesday's attack in St. Peter's Square.

"If the bullet had hit any arteries, the aorta or any vital organs it would have been fatal," said Professor Giancarlo Castiglioni, head of the team of surgeons which carried out a delicate five and a half hour operation on the Pope.

Doctors remained reluctant to give a firm prognosis, but said they were cautiously

optimistic he would make a full recovery. They said he would need further surgery to make good the partial colostomy performed Wednesday.

The bullets missed several vital organs by "just millimeters," he said, but one pierced the Pope's sacrum (last bone of the spine). In addition his small intestine was punctured in four places. Surgeons had cut off 10 cms (four inches) of it, Prof. Castiglioni said, but they were unable to repair a perforation in his colon and had installed a temporary apparatus for evacuation.

During the operation the Pope was given a three-liter (more than three quarts) blood transfusion of the comparatively rare rhesus negative group.

Earlier Thursday night Pope John Paul II chatted with his doctors and seemed serene, medical personnel said. During the day he counseled his doctors to "have courage." When told of the numerous messages of sympathy arriving from around the world, the Pope said he was saying prayers for those who were praying for him.

Pope John Paul II was in great pain when he awoke following surgery, Prof. Castiglioni said. He was still using respiratory equipment to help him breathe and would continue to do so for the next few days. This was because three of his ribs, broken in an earlier accident, were giving him trouble, he said.

Cardinal Carlo Gouffaloni during a mass at St. Peter's Basilica said the Pope had already pardoned his attacker. Late Friday an anonymous telephone caller told the Venice newspaper *Il Gazzettino* that the Armenian Liberation Front was responsible for the

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Japan asked to curb car sales

PARIS, May 15 (AFP) — Seven West European motor industry leaders Friday met seven Japanese colleagues here and told them to send fewer cars to the European Economic Community (EEC).

Unless they do, the EEC authorities and governments may very well adopt protectionist measures to save jobs and profits, they are telling the Asian visitors at this two-day gathering.

Otto Lamsdorff, economy minister of West Germany which has so far been strongest against protection moves, recently said his country may be forced to change its stance.

EEC motor chiefs at this meeting are Umberto Agoeoli (Fiat), Ettore Massaccesi (Alfa Romeo), Sir Michael Edwards (British Leyland), Jean-Paul Parayre (Peugeot), Bernard Vermer-Palliez (Renault), Iou Schmecker (Volkswagen-Audi) and Pehr Gyllenhammar (DAF).

The Japanese executives are from Toyota, Honda, Toyo Kogy, Mitsubishi, Isuzu and



Panic grips Paris stock mart

PARIS, May 15 (AP) — A wave of selling orders bit the Paris stock market again Friday, delaying quotations for 15 minutes and dispelling hopes that a return to more normal trading conditions had been heralded by the previous day's recovery.

Traders said the market was "alive" with rumors of imminent exchange control measures and other steps to take the downward pressure off the French franc that materialized after Socialist Francois Mitterrand was elected president Sunday.

The market indicator slumped by almost four per cent and trading in several issues was suspended temporarily because of insufficient buying orders.

The franc, however, remained steady at a 5.53 to the dollar. Gold Napoleon coins, traditional refuge for small savers, climbed 3.8 per

cent, while ingots rose 3.2 per cent.

The stock market has been chaotic all week because of investor fears about Mitterrand's planned new economic measures, including the nationalization of several major industrial groups as well as the remaining private banks and financial institutions. The market dropped by about 20 per cent in the first two days of the week before making a brief recovery.

Traders said the wave of selling Friday was not limited to "nationalizable" stocks. They said there has been a lot of switching from French stocks into foreign issues.

Meanwhile, the constitutional council officially proclaimed Mitterrand's election as president and ruled that the transfer of power must take place not later than May 24 at 12:00 a.m.

Regan arrives for panel talks

RIYADH, May 15 (Agencies) — The U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan arrived here Friday to attend Saturday's annual meeting of the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission for economic and technical cooperation. He was welcomed at the airport by Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil, minister of finance and national economy and other senior officials. The two men are co-

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U.S. may sell 18 tons of seized gold

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AFP) — The U.S. Senate's finance committee has approved a bill calling on the administration to sell 18.4 tons of Czechoslovak gold seized by the Germans during World War II. The gold, now believed to be worth \$127 million, was confiscated by the Allies at the end of the war, and was impounded in 1949 pending compensation by Czechoslovakia for its nationalization of foreign interests.

Held by several Western banks, the gold is under joint British, French and U.S. control, and can only be used with the approval of all three parties. Six tons of gold were returned

Rockefeller rejects treasury post

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP) — Financier David Rockefeller, who retired last month as chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, says two U.S. presidents asked him to be secretary of the treasury but that he turned down both offers.

In a wide-ranging interview to be published in *Institutional Investor* magazine, Rockefeller recalled his meetings with many of the world's leading statesmen, and said he turned down cabinet offers from Presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter.

Rockefeller, who was sharply criticized for his alleged close ties to the Shah of Iran, also said his relationship with the late monarch was "very formal, business-like — but cordial." He said he met the Shah "12 to 20 times over a period of 20 years (and) in all that time, he never gave us a present, not even caviar."

Rockefeller, who was often rumored to have been in line for cabinet appointments, said he was offered the treasury job by White House chief of staff Alexander Haig late in Nixon's second administration.

"I was in Kuwait and had a telephone call

Volcano erupts; no sign of survivors

HONOLULU, Hawaii, May 15 (Agencies) — A volcano erupted Friday on the Western Pacific island of Pagan, hurling dense clouds of ash high into the air and sending rivers of molten lava rushing toward the island's only village. Several hours after the eruption, U.S. authorities were still without any news of the village's 54 inhabitants, cut off since the first tremors Thursday night. First reconnaissance flights turned up no sign of them.

Authorities said, however, that the endangered inhabitants of Pagan, could have sought refuge in the island's grottoes, as they do in case of typhoons. Pagan lies at the northern end of the Marianas island chain located east of the Philippines. The chain, with Guam at the southern tip, was put under U.S. control in 1948 by the United Nations.

A B-52 Bomber failed to spot any sign of life on the island or any boats fleeing the volcanic eruption. A second plane attempted to land but was forced to turn back because of ash clouds rising as high as 10 kilometers. A new landing was to be attempted Saturday. A Coast Guard Jauch and two helicopters headed toward the stricken island from the U.S. military base at Guam in the hopes of evacuating survivors. A Japanese coal freighter was also reportedly en route.

Pagan, one of the smallest and least-known, has no important commercial center and the few inhabitants live on fishing and farming, with some necessities delivered from Saipan, capital of the Marianas group of islands.

Commander William E. Stepp, a special assistant for Trust Territory Affairs, said available records on the Pagan volcano indicate it has been inactive since the 1920s, when the last known incident was a small eruption.

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Road network enlarged

RIYADH, May 15 (SPA) — The Ministry of Communications completed 3,000 kilometers of asphalted road during the last year, two times more than in the entire country 30 years ago.

This brings the total of paved roads in the Kingdom to 22,000 at the end of the first year of the current five-year development plan, according to an official report issued Friday.

Asphalted roads began with the creation of the department of works and minerals nearly 50 years ago. The first highway linked Jeddah with the holy city of Makkah 30 years ago. At the time the country had no more than 239 kilometers of asphalted roads, the report said. By the early 1960's there were more than 4,000 kilometers of motorable roads.

By then the ministry had drawn up a program of road building which in only ten years raised the total to more than 8,000 kilometers of international standards and specifications. At the same time a network of rural roads was begun to link the towns and high-

ways with the country and by 1970 the ministry had built 3,739 kilometers.

The report said the ministerial plan consisted of four phases which involved linking the main regions while passing through as many towns and villages as possible, reducing the distances between the main towns, building and expanding dual-carriage expressways and improving the standard of safety on the asphalted roads.

By the end of the first five-year development plan in 1975 there were over 12,000 kilometers of asphalted roads and 8,000 of rural ones which together linked most of the country's main towns and rural areas and brought economic benefits and increased the rate of internal tourism. It also improved the transportation of agricultural products from the farms to the markets.

The second plan, which began in 1975, brought another 9,000 kilometers of roads, the report said. Forty per cent of this year's budget of over SR35 billion will be used to build more roads including highways and rural roads to cover as much of the country as possible. Some of them will include the roads connecting Riyadh with Dammam in the Gulf coast, with the Western Region, Qasim and Medina in addition to the ring road around the capital. By the end of the current plan there will be 17,000 rural roads serving over 4,000 villages, the report said.

The ministry has also been engaged in building roads connecting it with the neighboring Arab countries. They include the Jizan road to Yemen Arab Republic through the Southern Region and the Arar road linking it with Iraq. Three roads already connect the Kingdom with Jordan, two with Kuwait, and one with Qatar, the UAE and Oman. The proposed causeway bridge will connect it with Bahrain directly.

Chatti returns from Iraq, Iran

JEDDAH, May 15 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, Organization of the Islamic Conference secretary general, returned here Thursday evening from Tehran after visiting Iraq and Iran as part of the Islamic goodwill mission attempting to settle the Gulf conflict.

Chatti said that the Islamic mission led by Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman, held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussain and Iranian President Abul Hassan Bani-Sadr. The talks which he described as "very important" covered the additional proposals presented to Iraq and Iran in April.



HEAD OFFICE: One of the designs submitted for the proposed Thama complex reveals the marked Islamic features that it incorporates. The committee headed by Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi is examining those that come up to its expectations. Thama plans to build a new and vast head office for its many activities.

Delegation due to visit

Thailand requests extra oil

By Edward Thangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, May 15 — Thailand has planned to request for Saudi Arabia to increase its government-to-government basis crude supply from the present 65,000 barrels per day to 100,000 barrels per day. In this connection a Thai delegation is to visit Saudi Arabia shortly to discuss the matter with Petromin.

The delegation is to be led by industry minister, Chatchai Choonhavan who will also negotiate with Petromin to renew for another year the contract for the supply of 65,000 barrels per day of crude which is due to expire end of this year. The 65,000 barrels per day crude was originally part of a 100,000 bpd contract Petromin had with Summit Industrial Corporation (Panama) and was subsequently transferred to the Thai government in February this year.

The oil supply contract transfer later asked the Thai government to terminate Summit's lease contract of the Bang Chak refinery on charge of alleged contractual violations by

Summit. The governor of Petroleum Authority of Thailand, Dr. Thongchat who will accompany Minister Choonhavan to Saudi Arabia on the mission, said the requested oil supply could be more or less than 100,000 bpd, depending on the negotiations with Petromin.

He said correspondence with Petromin for increasing the oil supply is now underway and the Thai delegation for the talks is being formed at the moment.

Master thesis scheduled

RIYADH, May 15 (SPA) — A master's degree thesis, to be presented by Muhammad ibn Salman Al-Khudairi, on the Saudi Arabian state's relations with the calliphs of Iraq during the Othoman reign will be discussed at the Riyadh Sharia College Sunday.

The discussing committee comprises Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Al-Sarouji (president), Dr. Abdullah Yusuf Al-Shail (member) and Dr. Abdul Latif ibn Abdullah ibn Duhaish (member).

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Foreign investment capital increased

LONDON, May 15 — The Saudi Arabian government has increased the capital of the development fund for loans to other countries from SR15 billion to SR25 billion, according to Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil.

Speaking in a BBC interview, Aba Al Khalil said the loans were aimed at helping the borrowing countries develop their infrastructure services and help finance certain development projects.

Last year's report revealed that the Saudi Development Fund financed 152 various projects in 51 countries and committed a

total of SR12.3 billion between 1975 and 1979. This averages about SR76-80 million per project or SR71-240 million per state. These commitments were made in addition to 11 grants and loan agreements totalling about SR2.5 billion and managed on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

The leading benefiting sectors were railroads and electric projects. The borrowing country's size and its capacity to assimilate new projects were taken into consideration while making the allocations.

On joint venture Japan clarifies ministry stand

TOKYO, May 15 — Japanese finance ministry spokesman clarified that a news item attributed to Finance Minister Michio Watanabe was not clear enough. Watanabe was quoted that government's participation in the Saudi petro-chemical company (SPDC) should be given thorough thinking.

The finance ministry spokesman told Arab News that the minister was referring to government's participation in the equity sharing of SPDC, which is a fully-Japanese joint company.

The participating companies are asking for the government's participation in SPDC equity and Minister Watanabe remarked that with government's financial resources already strained, it would be necessary to thoroughly consider such step. The spokesman said that the formation of SPDC on May 7, 1981 was best step taken and that on equity matters. The Finance Ministry and Ministry of International Trade and Industry will iron

out their minor differences to help SPDC go ahead with joint ventures in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The government of Japan will support the Japanese side of the equity.

Meanwhile, the spokesman for SPDC told Arab News that SPDC was formally established on May 7 with 54 Japanese companies. Mitsubishi's fifteen companies are among the largest group while others belong to Misui, Sumitomo and some Japanese oil companies.

Keizaburo Yamada (vice president of Mitsubishi Shoji) is picked for the presidency of SPDC. The company spokesman said that SPDC, before its present status, was entrusted with the job of carrying out feasibility studies and under new status, SPDC will take up joint work with SABIC.

Yamada, president of SPDC, will go to the Kingdom for the May 20 signing with SABIC's Dr. Algosaihi. SPDC has initial plans for producing 150,000 tons of ethylene glycol and 130,000 tons of polyethylene per year at Jubail.

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Awaits crude purchase agreement

Aramco official discusses oil issues

By Scott Pendleton
Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, May 15 — The oil industry has been eager to know when Saudi Arabia and the four Aramco partners will sign the agreement under which the government buys 100 per cent of the partner's crude oil concession rights, facilities and production.

According to Weldoo D. Kruger, appointed president of Exxon Middle East on April 1 and subsequently made a director of Aramco and member of its executive committee, there has been "no recent indication that there will be a signing anytime soon."

The Exxon official is in Saudi Arabia for 10 days to attend an Aramco Executive Committee meeting in Dhahran, where he was interviewed by Arab News, and to attend a U.S.-Saudi businessmen's conference in Riyadh aimed at promoting the Kingdom's business and industrialization.

Following are excerpts from the interview:
Q.—What are your responsibilities as president of Esso Middle East?

A.—"We're organized as a corporation worldwide on a regional basis, dividing up various parts of the world. Our responsibility is to look after Exxon's various business interests in the Middle East. The highest interest being here in Saudi Arabia but we do have other interests scattered throughout the Gulf Area."

Q.—What is Exxon's total crude oil supply?

A.—"Total world-wide supplies, I'm not sure, but it's something in the order of five million bpd."

Q.—How much of that is from Saudi Arabia?

A.—"Something in the order of two million bpd."

Q.—Does Exxon have crude oil contracts with Petromin in addition to its normal Saudi oil contracts?

A.—"In principle, Petromin is taking oil, as the other companies are, and they're selling to other customers, to third-party customers. We could very well be buying oil from them. I can't really say exactly whether we are at the moment or not. We have in the past."

Q.—Do you refine crude oil for Petromin

that is returned to the Kingdom to make up a domestic shortfall of refined products, as Mobil and BP have done?

A.—"There was some of that in 1980. I guess there's some still going on. As far as I know, we have not done it yet. We have talked to Petromin about the possibility."

Q.—Is that something you would be interested in doing?

A.—"We would be interested, yes."

Q.—A lot of refineries in the United States are closing down, so that would be a way of utilizing excess capacity?

A.—"Well, yes. It depends on where the products will go. If we're talking about processing for Petromin so that products come back to this country, then the U.S. is a long way to go as far as the transportation all the way over and back. There are probably other refineries closer by that would serve the same purpose."

Q.—Do you sell or distribute any other crude for Petromin, such as war relief crude to France?

A.—"There are some sales for crude where the Saudi Government or Petromin have told us, told Aramco, where they would like the crude delivered, and yes there are some customers, some governments, some countries being served in this manner."

Q.—Have you found out who's going to buy crude from the petroleum in Yanbu?

A.—"No, not entirely. The arrangements have not been entirely agreed, but my understanding is it will be the four U.S. companies initially. You appreciate that it will take some time for that line to get fully operational. That is, they will start with small volumes and gradually build up over time. And the initial volumes is what I'm talking about that the four companies will be taking."

Q.—You mean 1.7 million bpd?

A.—"Well, I think that's the capacity of the line, but they will start operating at quite a bit less volume than that, substantially less volume than that."

Q.—Are you eager to buy crude from the petroleum?

A.—"In a way — it depends on the arrangements. No really knowing what the final arrangements will be, it's just impossible for me to comment."

Q.—The premium that the government

will add to the cost of crude transported through petroline hasn't been determined?

A.—"No, nor a lot of the other arrangements that get into commercial terms. I do think though, that it's a very worthwhile project for the country, from a strategic standpoint, to have another outlet."

Q.—What about the Exxon refinery that was planned for Juhail. Will it be built?

A.—"We talked initially with Petromin about the idea, but as in any commercial venture like that, both parties would have to get together on what each one, or the two together, saw as a commercial venture. That has not happened yet, though, so I really can't comment on that."

"We are involved of course in a very large project here in the Kingdom, what's now called the Al-Jubail Petrochemical Complex. The final studies are being made, and we'll start actual construction before too long."

"There are several things that still have to be finalized. The (public investment fund) loan, as I understand it, is one and there are several other things. But the plans are still going forward as far as construction. As I say, our plans are to start building I think it's 1982, with a completion date in 1985. And that's the huge project — \$1.3 billion."

Arabic institute opens in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia, May 15 (SPA) — The Indonesian Minister for Religious Affairs Gen. Alamsyah inaugurated on May 12 the Arabic Language Institute here.

In his inauguration speech the minister praised the Saudi Arabian government for its encouraging initiative to spread the Arabic language everywhere.

The three-story building in the heart of the Indonesian capital is administered by the Islamic University of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud and headed by the Saudi Arabian scholar Sheikh Abdel Aziz Al-Ammar.

The 15-class Saudi Arabian "Arabic Language Institute" is provided with the most modern equipment and audio visual system including language labs which will help the Indonesian people to have a good command of Arabic — the language of the Quran.

Conservation group acts on Red Sea pact

JEDDAH, May 15 — Legal and environmental experts met here under the auspices of the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ALESCO) to approve the final act on conservation of the marine environment and coastal areas of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

In a Saudi Business magazine report, the group said Jeddah has been named headquarters of the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, under the draft document. Members of the group include Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Sudan, Somalia, North Yemen, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

According to Dr. Abdul Dar Al Gain, deputy director general of the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA), certain types of fish and the unique coral reefs in the Red Sea are threatened by increasing maritime activities. The Kingdom, through its agency, the MEPA, had prepared a plan to monitor activities — including deep-sea fishing and mining — that could harm the Red Sea life.

"Another problem in the Red Sea is the dumping of raw sewage by industries and debris by the public. All these could make the Red Sea harmful for swimming and fishing," Gain pointed out.

The plan, therefore, calls for the study of environmental problems in and around the industrial complex to gauge the extent of pollution in the Red Sea. "We will set up a network for monitoring the quality of air and also install monitoring equipment (to study polluted water)," he said.

Another major cause of concern is increasing deep-sea mining with the concomitant problems of oil spillage. The metals lying in the Red Sea include silver, copper and zinc. Important metals in themselves, silver is the most sought after among the three for its varied uses, including photography, where the demand is still growing.

The Saudi-Sudanese Red Sea Commission estimates that it may be possible to extract minerals yearly worth \$170 million and that the total reserves of minerals under water may be worth \$7 billion. The minerals, which lie at a depth of 2,000 meters, are sandwiched in 10- to 30-meter layers of mud. They line vast pools of hot brine with a temperature of

60 degrees centigrade. The mud resembles a sandwich with layers of sulphide minerals (mainly sphalerite and chalcopyrite) alternating with silicates and oxides. So far 18 such pools are said to have been identified, most of them large enough to be measured in kilometers.

For instance, the largest known deposit is the Atlantis II Deep, measuring 60 sq. km. These deposits have sparked great interest abroad. Britain's Manchester University is said to be interested in the project. Mineral exploration was carried out recently by Glyn Ford of the University's Liberal Studies in Science Department, a London weekly reported.

The plan emphasizes the need to combat pollution by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency. It seeks to assess the state of the environment.

Other objectives of the action plan are:
— Forming guidelines for managing activities which have an impact on environmental quality and the protection of renewable marine resources on a sustainable basis;
— Developing legal instruments providing a legal basis for cooperative efforts, and to protect and develop the region;
— Supporting measures, including national and regional institutional mechanisms, needed for successful implementation of the plan.

Convicted killer beheaded in Taif

TAIF, May 15 (SPA) — A convict who robbed a house and burned it, which resulted in the death of three children inside the home, was beheaded here after the Friday noon prayers, an Interior Ministry statement said.

The man, Safar ibo Hamed Al-Talhi, burned down the house to erase any clues to his crime and that caused the death of three

children of the houses' owner, Saleem ibn Omar Al-Talhi. He confessed to his crime and was sentenced to death by the Sharia court. The verdict was supported by a royal order No. 13,268 B4 dated 13/4/1981.

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'U.S. pressure rejected,' Khaddam says

Syria defies Begin to remove missiles

By Wahib Ghorab

DAMASCUS, May 15 — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam challenged Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin to remove SAM-6 missiles from Lebanon by force. The challenge was disclosed in an interview Friday with Khaddam who also said that Syria will not withdraw its missiles from Lebanon "even if the Lebanese government asks us to do so".

Khaddam told the London-based *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* newspaper in Damascus: "Begin will see what awaits him if his threat to remove the missiles was carried out." But he said that "the Lebanese government can demand the withdrawal of all the Arab Deterrent Force and not part of it."

"Even that request is excluded by the Lebanese government," Khaddam said. He reiterated his government's rejection of internationalization of the Lebanese problem

"for this will lead to the partition of Lebanon as happened to Cyprus. There is no solution to the problem except the Lebanese solution and within an Arab framework," the minister said.

Khaddam said Syria "rejects submission to any American pressure." He did not say what was the American pressure but added that Syria directs its policy in line with its interests and security of its soldiers. "Pressure must be exercised on the aggressor, Israel, and not on any other party," he was quoted as saying.

"We're ready to do battle if Begin translates his threats to deeds," Khaddam said. "The missiles will not be removed under Israeli or any other pressure... we reject the concept that Israel has any right to dictate security regulations in Lebanon or to control its security."

Khaddam's interview which was reproduced by Syria's government-controlled newspapers, was the first official confirma-

tion of diplomatic reports that Syrian President Hafez Assad has rejected pleas by shutting U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib that the missile batteries be removed from Lebanon.

Khaddam said the missile deployment was an exclusively Syrian decision and denied suggestion that the Soviet Union has requested the move. Syrian missiles brought down an unmanned Israeli reconnaissance drone over the Bekaa Thursday. The encounter sharpened fears of a Syrian-Israeli military showdown despite U.S. mediation efforts.

He said the United States "must realize that the only danger to the Arab region comes from Israel and not from the Soviet Union."

Khaddam said President Ronald Reagan requested from Syria to receive his envoy Philip Habib to discuss the situation in Lebanon. "We have received the envoy and explained to him our point of view very clearly," Khaddam said. The minister added that the envoy was to exchange views with the enemy (Israel) but Syria never discussed with Habib American guarantees against Israeli attacks.

Khaddam added that the only acceptable formula to Syria is for Israel to halt its provocations against Syria, the Palestinian resistance and the independence of Lebanon. He accused Israel of impeding Lebanon's reconciliation when it downed two Syrian helicopters last week and when Khaddam was meeting Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and other leaders to bring about national reconciliation in Lebanon.

Israel's inflation up 10.7% in April

TEL AVIV, May 15 (AP) — Despite government-ordered tax cuts that lowered some prices, Israel's cost-of-living index rocketed upward 10.7 per cent in April, the government bureau of statistics announced Friday. Israel radio said the increase was the fourth highest since 1948. Only the 10.2 per cent increase in April 1980 approached last month's inflation rate in the four years of Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government.

The announcement caused consternation in the finance ministry, Israel radio reported, because a lower rate had been expected in the wake of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's attempt to slow inflation by cutting purchase taxes on consumer durables like automobiles and appliances.

Israel's high inflation — 133 per cent in 1980 — is an enduring liability for Begin's political future, and the government had hoped to show some progress in cutting the upward spiral before the June 30 election.

Aridor's tax cuts on big-ticket items brought consumer rushes on car salesrooms and color television dealers, but the statistics bureau reported that the high inflation has caused by big price hikes in other areas. The cost of clothing and footwear rose 41 per cent in April, the bureau said, and housing rose 17 per cent.

For expulsion of diplomats

Qaddafi won't cut oil to U.S.

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Thursday denied that his country has expansionist aims in Africa or is a potential staging area for the Soviets, despite huge recent Soviet arms purchases. He also denied any immediate plans to cut off oil shipments to the United States in retaliation for the expulsion of Libyan diplomats from the United States, which he accused of being responsible for international terrorism. Qaddafi was interviewed on the Public Broadcasting System's Macneil-Lehrer Report, via satellite from Tripoli, Libya.

"Support for international terrorism" was one of the reasons the U.S. State Department

gave for last week's expulsion order, which resulted in the ouster this week of some 70 Libyans, including diplomats, their wives and children.

Qaddafi denied any plans to annex Chad, Niger or other countries. "We have no plan toward this area," he said. "We want stability, independence, progress for all this continent and for all these countries... we have no other intention."

Asked what retaliation, if any Libya would take for the U.S. expulsion of its diplomats, Qaddafi said: "I don't expect anything now because it is not a serious step. We lost nothing. It was not reasonable step. There was no justification to expel this people's bureau from this country."

To Afghanistan crisis

Pakistan keen on political solution

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, May 15 — Pakistan has strongly refuted the Kabul radio allegation that Islamabad had deviated from its policy of seeking a political solution to the Afghan crisis and that such policy turn was the result of external pressure on Pakistan.

A foreign office spokesman Thursday said that the "baseless insinuations contained in Kabul radio statement on May 13 were a faithful echo of similar observations made by *Pravda* and broadcast by Radio Moscow the day before."

The spokesman recalled the initiative of

Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi for asking the United Nations to institute a dialogue between the parties under the auspices of the U.N. secretary general of his special representative for seeking a peaceful solution and regretted that instead of contributing to the success of "this delicate task" the Afghan authorities had chosen to level unfounded allegations against Pakistan.

Referring to the two million Afghan refugees on Pakistani soil, the spokesman said that Pakistan has a vital stake in the return of complete peace and tranquility to Afghanistan and it would be absurd to suggest that Islamabad's attitude toward the crisis could be influenced by a third party.

Arab brain-drain costs \$120m a year

NICOSIA, May 15 (R) — The emigration of highly trained Arabs to the developed world is costing their countries \$120 million a year, a United Nations conference on Arab migration has been told. Professor Tawfiq Atour, of the University of Jordan, said Thursday the cost, however, was insignificant when compared with the effects of the loss of

key skills. He said 10,000 professionals each year leave Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Egypt. For Jordan, which produces only a few scientists a year, their migration was a handicap to development plans, especially in medicine, agriculture and higher education, he said.

U.S. defense team in Cairo for talks

CAIRO, May 15 (AFP) — A delegation of U.S. defense officials arrived here Friday for talks with Egyptian leaders that will focus on Cairo's five-year plan for modernization of its armed forces. The Pentagon team, led by Francis West, new assistant secretary of defense for international security, will also discuss modernization of the Egyptian air and naval base at Ras Banas on the Red Sea to adapt to the needs of the U.S. Rapid

Deployment Force.

Egypt has already promised to allow the United States to use its military facilities if the Soviet Union threatens Arab countries in the Gulf region.

The subject of Cairo's five-year plan for modernization of its forces was discussed during the recent visit to Washington of Egyptian Defense Minister Abu Gbazala.

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Is Egypt splitting with Israel?

By Robert Little

Has Egypt at last begun to realize the error of its involvement in the Camp David accords? All indications are that this is the case following statements in London last week by Dr. Butros Ghali, the Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs. Ghali, who as everyone knows took a leading part in the Camp David negotiations of former President Jimmy Carter, was in London for discussions with Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, and Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the Foreign Office, where at a press conference later the Egyptian minister clashed repeatedly with pro-Israeli correspondents and several times refused to answer their questions. Ghali said he had come to London to express his support for the West European peace initiative and to establish closer contacts with the Foreign Office and with Lord Carrington before the British foreign secretary takes over in July as president of the EEC Council of Ministers. "I hope we can get maximum synchronization between the Egyptian action and the European action in the pursuance of peace. We have voiced our hopes and aspirations," Ghali told correspondents. At the beginning of the atmosphere of the press conference was relatively calm, until Joseph Finklestone, the London correspondent of the *Jerusalem Post*, pointed out that the "so-called European initiative" was being bitterly attacked by the Israelis who saw it as a danger to peace rather than an aid. How could Egypt, he asked, justify the present moves when negotiating with the Israelis? To annoyed murmurs of dissent from other pro-Zionist journalists in the room Ghali replied: "My attitude on this is not new. I voiced it after June, 1980 declaration by the EEC heads of government in Venice and elsewhere. President Sadat made the same point to the European Parliament in Stras-

bourg. "We believe that Western Europe can play an important role, can contribute to the momentum of the peace process, because we must recognize that as a result of the American presidential elections and the forthcoming Israel general election, and because of the attitude of the Israeli government, the tripartite negotiations for the future of the Palestinian people have not produced any tangible results after 18 months of talks. Our aim is to find something new and perhaps after the Israeli elections to start a whole fresh process." In answer to a rush of questions asking if what he was saying was that so far as Egypt was concerned the tripartite Camp David negotiations were now dead? Ghali replied that as he had already said, nothing had been achieved in 18 months. In his discussions with Lord Carrington importance had been placed on the synchronization of the European action and the American action and they, the Egyptians, were very keen to maintain this synchronization. "We do not want any kind of duplication and we do not want any kind of competition between the two sides. After all they are members of the same pact, NATO, and should have a common attitude," he said. A representative of the London *Jewish Chronicle* then asked Ghali if he had been given any definite promise by Carrington that any European initiative would not try to take the place of Camp David? Turning impatiently to his questioner Ghali snapped: "Don't just put all your attention on the Camp David agreement as such. Camp David is just a framework. What is important is action in favor of peace. This is what we talked about with Mr. Gaston Thorn, the Luxembourg foreign minister, with Mr. Christoph Ven der Klaauw, the Dutch

foreign minister, and now with Lord Carrington, the synchronization of the European and American actions. This is the Egyptian proposal." What was important, he believed, was that after the Israeli elections there should be consultations between the Americans and the Europeans to see what joint course of action could be taken to involve all the interested parties in meaningful peace negotiations. When Ghali was asked if it was his impression that Carrington agree with his interpretation, the minister said that it was not only an impression, it was a fact. "And not only Lord Carrington," he said. "Mr. Van der Klaauw was in Cairo two days ago and he was very clear about it." Was the minister saying, he was asked, that there was to be a joint European-American initiative after the Israeli elections? "Not necessarily jointly. There will be a mutual interest between the Americans and Europe, which Egypt supports," he declared. Ghali went on to say that the main point of the European proposals as he saw it, following his talks, was that he believed they would have a positive influence on the Americans, the Israelis, the Palestinians and all Arab nations. "We Egyptians are seeking a global solution. We are not interested in a separate or bilateral peace." In reply to a question from a British journalist who asked if when he was negotiating with the Israelis there was any aspect of their attitude which he criticized and hoped to change? he said: "Yes. On October 13, 1978 we presented a memorandum and said to the Israelis 'Please, as you deliver something to Egypt, you must deliver something to the Palestinians to create a new political atmosphere on the West Bank and Gaza.' In October, 1980 we presented the same plea to the Americans to pass

on to the Israelis. "We told them (the Israelis) that unless they adopted new measures there would be no change among the PLO so that they would take part in the peace process. Unfortunately, largely due to this, the situation of the Palestinians is now worse than in October, 1978." An Israeli correspondent asked what had the Palestinians done to assure the Israelis that they really want peace and not just the Israelis' destruction? "Yes," Ghali replied, "there is a kind of dialectical relationship between the Israeli hard-line radicals, extremists and rejectionists and their Arab equivalents. "In Marxist terminology, there is an objective alliance between the two. Both go on sustaining one another in obstructing the peace process and make difficult any kind of moderate platform. But the Israelis occupy the West Bank and Gaza. They are the ones who can make a gesture. The Palestinians can do nothing. Only throw stones at cars and demand what is rightfully theirs." Answering the same journalist's objection that the Israelis were dealing with Palestinians throwing bombs as well as stone-throwing children, the minister replied: "I agree, but when have the Israelis given a chance for the moderates to talk? Every day the Israelis provide a new fait accompli, confiscating new land, building new settlements, talking of a new canal bypassing the Gaza Strip. With all this, how can the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza ever believe that they will have their own independent, autonomous administration?"

Letter to the editor

Aluminum industry

Sir,
I don't know if this is the proper channel to send this letter, but in my desire to help the local aluminum industry, I am sending this in the hope of getting the attention of the government in taking action regarding the stiff competition being faced by local aluminum fabricators in the Kingdom.
I am an employee of a big local fabricator in the Western Province. I came to know that the government is imposing a minimal custom duties on all imported aluminum requirements of foreign contractors in the Kingdom. I was also made to understand that local fabricators are exempted from custom duties in the importation of their aluminum requirements. However, compared to what the government is doing with foreign contractors, the exemption is negligible.
I cannot understand why the government is allowing the importation by these foreign construction companies when right in the Kingdom they can get their aluminum requirements. In the Eastern Province, ALUPCO (Aluminum Products Co., Ltd.) is a licensee of Alusuisse — a Swiss aluminum manufacturer and yet some European contractors still import their requirements from their mother country.
In Jeddah, Saudi Ajax Aluminum Company Ltd. is a licensee of SCHUCO — the biggest aluminum distributor and yet some German construction companies do import their requirements from their mother country.
This practice surely will put an end to the life of these local fabricators. The Saudi Investment Development Fund is helping finance local aluminum industry and yet the local industry is not protected from foreign competition. I suggest that any foreign construction company engaged in the Kingdom should buy all its requirements here.
Saudi-owned aluminum plants have the experience and technical knowhow. I cannot see any reason why we the workers of local aluminum companies cannot cope with the requirements of foreign contractors. Quality wise, locally made aluminum product is the same if not better than that from abroad.
Yours faithfully,
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The crisis in Lebanon over the SAM batteries Syria has introduced to Lebanon has emphasized the need for a general solution to both the problem of Lebanon and that of the Middle East in general. Several suggestions — and counter-suggestions — have already been heard, as the various parties contemplate the grim prospect of a war between Syria and Israel. One of these suggestions came from Egyptian President Sadat who said that both Syria and Israel must stop interfering in Lebanon's affairs, and that the Lebanese should solve their own problems themselves, with the help of a strengthened army and, possibly, an international emergency force policing a short transition-period to peace. The implication here is of a certain amount of "internationalization" for the Lebanese crisis — and that was rejected utterly by Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who said that the Arab framework is the only possible one for treating Lebanon's troubles, and that "internationalization" is only another cover for the attempts to dismember the country. Sadat also had a suggestion for a meeting in Al Arish in Sinai between the PLO and Israel — while a senior adviser to President Reagan talked of a new American initiative over the Middle East, one for which the date has not yet been set. This is said in acknowledgment, however reluctant, that the six-year civil war in Lebanon is intimately linked with the problem of the Middle East in general, so that "Lebanization," "Arabization," or "internationalization" will not by themselves solve the problem. But it is at this point that those bewailing the state of Lebanon prefer to keep silent.

Saudi Arabian press review

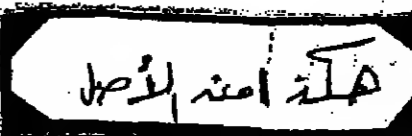
Friday's two newspapers gave prominence to King Khaled's message to Pope John Paul II in which the King regretted the criminal attempt on the Pope's life and strongly condemned the act. *Al-Jazirah* said the assailant started a hunger strike and denied belonging to any "fascist" organization. The newspapers carried on their front pages the Islamic goodwill missions recent talks with the Iraqi and Iranian officials. *Okaz* quoted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr as saying that the mission's proposals are a "step forward". However, he said that the proposals do not contain any commitments by Iran. *Al-Jazirah* stated that the recent trip of the Islamic goodwill mission seems to have made some success in its attempt to end the conflict. Another issue given prominence by *Okaz* was Dutch Foreign Minister Van Der Klaauw's upcoming visit to the Kingdom and his talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. In his capacity as the current EEC Ministerial Council chairman, Klaauw's talks with Prince Saud will center on the European initiative for a Middle East settlement, the Dutch ambassador here was quoted as saying. *Al-Jazirah* led with an interview with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda in which he said his country does not support Arabs for their oil, but from its belief in human principles. He said his country's policy is opposed to dis-

Kampuchea's recovery is still 'fragile'

By William Shawcross

PHNOM PENH — The smell greeted us first, pungent, almost palpable, wafting around a bend in the river. As our boat turned the corner, the water turned white, as if the surface were packed with small ice floes. In fact it was covered with dead fish. We pushed over the pen which cordons off a tributary, one of the river's richest fish farms, and made for a bamboo raft on which several fishing families live. Women were preparing food. All around their floating home the fish — their food and livelihood — was dead, suffocated because the heat had driven out the oxygen in the water. Kampuchea has made great progress since the crisis of 1979 when the West believed (fortunately incorrectly) that up to three million people were dying of famine. But aid officials insist that the country's recovery is still "fragile." They believe the West needs to send thousands of tons more rice, fuel, seed, truck parts, fertilizers, drugs and animal vaccines at once if the country is to stand still, let alone progress. Political deadlock exacerbates the problems of Kampuchea. The West, and non-Communist South-East Asian countries led by Thailand have never been willing to accept Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea. To balance food sent to the Vietnamese-run regime in Phnom Penh, supplies have also been delivered to the Khmer Rouge enemy along the Thai border. The Vietnamese still seem unwilling to make any concessions over Kampuchea. As a result, a row has developed between United Nations officials and some Western donors over "rewarding Vietnamese aggression" with "development" aid now that the "emergency" is over. Aid officials retort that such distinction is meaningless. Some of the continuing problems were evident when I visited Kompong Chhnang, on the Mekong river. It is recovering from the destruction of war and the Khmer Rouge years, but only slowly. The hospital has only one qualified nurse for about 90

patients; he desperately needs supplies, let alone assistance. Health care has been one of the least successful parts of the aid program. The government has not allowed Red Cross medical teams to go there and new beds and mosquito nets have gone to the government guest house, not the hospital. The town's orphanage is better supplied, but his too presents problems. To the dismay of officials from the United Nations Children's Fund and other aid groups, it is emerging that the government's policy is to place 80,000 children in orphanages. All over the country youngsters are being removed from extended families and international aid for new orphanages is constantly sought. The government's intention is apparently to create a political elite for the next generation. At 15 years old, these children go to Vietnam to train as cadres. Fish is part of Kampuchea's basic diet and important to the country's extraordinary natural wealth. Ice is essential to the industry. In Kompong Chhnang there is just one ancient ice factory, resembling the engine room of some 19th century steamship wrecked in a South-East Asian storm. The director proudly showed me how the workers made one of the three machines function by cannibalizing the others — a stupendous achievement, but ice is still in short supply. The food and Agriculture Organization promised to build another factory there, but its funds for the fisheries have been cut because of the row about development. The dead fish were just up river from Kompong Chhnang. I was told that the previous day had been hot and the fish had boiled to death. The fishermen said this never used to happen and that the fish stream was once one of the richest in the area. But the water no longer flows as fast as before, because a few miles upstream, the Khmer Rouge, using slave labor, built a dam four miles long. To remove the dam (without slaves) would take bulldozers. Bulldozers are not being sent to Kampuchea because they are regarded as "development," came



'It's safer with three in cockpit'

By George Frank

CHICAGO, May 15 (LAT) — An incident at Chicago's busy O'Hare Airport seven years ago convinced Dick Phenneger of the importance of three-person crews in the cockpits of commercial airliners.

It was the end of an eight-and-a-half-hour Trans-Atlantic flight from London. The Pan Am 707 was getting into position for a final approach when Phenneger, working as a flight engineer, glanced out the window and saw a small business jet heading straight for his aircraft. The captain and the co-pilot had their heads down checking instruments, changing radio frequencies and reading charts, Phenneger said.

He had time enough to yell, "look out." The captain took immediate evasive action — to the discomfort of the 130 passengers aboard — avoiding a mid-air collision, Phenneger said. "That was the day I truly understood the importance of having three persons in the cockpit. That third pair of eyes can pay off," he said.

Phenneger today is the driving force behind a nationwide advertising campaign by Flight Engineers' International to win the public's support in a battle over whether two or three persons will be in the cockpits of jetliners being built in the 1980s. The high-stakes skirmish involves commercial pilots and crew members, the big airlines and air-

craft manufacturers who are building the new generation of airliners. The losers could pay dearly.

For the Pilots Associations, losing could mean fewer jobs in the year ahead. For the airlines, it could mean billions of dollars in additional salaries. And for the manufacturers, it could mean a fewer orders for the new jetliners. The airlines and manufacturers such as Boeing say that the new generation of commercial jetliners is perfectly safe with two-member cockpit crews.

"There have never been more than two persons in the cockpit who are qualified to fly the airplane," Pacific Southwest Airlines' Bill Hastings said. "It is a labor issue, not a safety issue. Call it featherbedding if you want to." The object of all this controversy, the flight engineer, is also known as the second officer. He sits facing a complicated instrument panel to the rear of the cockpit. And it is he who could become an endangered species, replaced by computers and advanced technology.

So crucial is the outcome of the dispute that the Flight Engineers' International Association has collected \$275,000 from its 5,000 members and launched the advertising campaign, calling safety the main issue. Ads have been placed in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, and radio spots are being aired across the country on CBS radio network stations.

One advertisement sums up the flight engineers' point of view this way: "If you expect to fly on a commercial airliner in the 1980s and beyond, you have a real stake in the controversy surrounding the number of cockpit crew members." Most of today's airliners, including all wide-bodied jets, have three crew members in the cockpit.

"Aircraft manufacturers would like to remove one member of the crew — the flight engineer — from the cockpits of the new generation of airliners which will begin flying in the 80s." Other ads in newspapers and on radio discuss the need for "three pairs of eyes and hands in the cockpit" and the responsibility of the flight engineer to tell the captain that the aircraft is airworthy before each flight.

"Making sure of your safety will be a special concern of flight engineers in the 80s and beyond when airplanes and airports will be even more congested," they say.

The flight engineers also hired Opinion Research Survey Inc., in Washington, D.C. to find out what the public thought about the issue of two cockpit members versus three. The poll, which sampled 1,000 persons across the country, found that those surveyed (by a 4-1 margin) did not think that the flight engineer should be replaced by new technology and computers.

Also, 47 per cent of those polled thought that new technology was just a means of keeping up with the increased volume of air traffic and did not reduce the workload of the aircraft crew.

One aircraft manufacturer spokesman questioned the public's knowledge concern-

ing the controversy. "Forty years ago the public would never have agreed that the radio operator should be removed from the cockpit," he said. "I'm sure if you ask Grandma today, she would rather have five persons up there."

The controversy over the number of persons needed in the cockpits of the new jetliners has been smoldering for some time. The FAA's certification of the DC 9-80 for a two-person cockpit last year brought outcries from commercial pilot groups. The issue has produced strike talk from the 33,000-member air line pilots association, which also represents thousands of flight engineers along with the Flight Engineers' International.

President Reagan, at the urging of Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, named a special presidential task force to determine how many crew members are needed to fly the new generation of jetliners safely. The three-person commission includes former FAA Administrator John Mcdugas, Fred J. Drinkwater, a former marine combat pilot, and Howard W. Leaf, an air force lieutenant general.

The group is expected to report its findings in June, including a decision on how many crew members should fly the DC9-80.

Phenneger, former president of the Pan Am chapter of Flight Engineers' International, says that the two-versus-three-in-the-cockpit issue is clearly a safety question. John Wheeler, manager of public relations for Boeing, disputed that. "It is a labor issue clear and simple," Boeing is building two of the aircraft — the B-757 and B-767 — that could be affected by the president's task force decision. The jetliners are designed to be flown by two crew members.

The Science Column

Cancer cells developed

WASHINGTON, (WP) — In a breakthrough that could lead to many more cancer cures, a leading cancer scientist has learned to grow each patient's own cancer cells outside the body so he can test drugs to tell which will and which will not usually help each individual.

Using this technique on patients with advanced cancer of the female ovaries — one of the first cancers to be tested — Dr. Sydney Salmon of the University of Arizona has quadrupled survival rates in patients for whom previous treatments were ineffective.

Salmon's ground-breaking work is being tested at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the Mayo Clinic and other centers. Dr. Israel Vlodavsky has begun growing his patients' cancer cells on a plastic matrix made in their laboratory.

"What we have always had to do in cancer chemotherapy," Salmon said in an interview, "is pick the best drug combination or sequence we can by what has worked in the past, on the average." But every patient's cancer cells are a little different. A drug treatment may work for one patient and be ineffective for others. A patient taking an ineffective drug loses valuable time while the tumor grows, and the wrong drugs may cause harmful side effects.

Dr. Salmon, head of the University of Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson, began describing his latest results to the American Association for Cancer Research. Here and

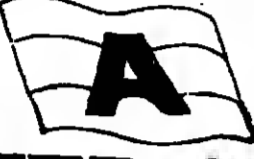
in a new book, he said today's "golden age of antibiotics" rests in large part on individual "sensitivity tests": Cultures of each infected patient's germs to see which drugs might affect them.

"It is my belief," he said, "that cancer can be brought into the same kind of era." Cancer cells have long been among the hardest to cultivate in the laboratory. In the laboratory dish, unlike what happens in the human body, healthy cells multiplied and crowded the cancerous cells out. In no case did more than one cancer cell in 1,000 survive and multiply in a lab flask or dish.

Today Salmon can culture cells from 60 to 80 per cent of his patients within 10 days to two weeks in most cancers, including breast and bladder cancer, multiple myeloma, melanomas (serious skin cancers), sarcomas (bone and connective tissue cancers) and some childhood cancers.

He has shown that a drug that works in a patient's cells in the laboratory will work in the patient 65 per cent of the time. A drug that doesn't work in the lab will fail 95 per cent of the time. In 35 patients with advanced ovarian cancer, Salmon and Dr. David Alberts have increased average survival from 3 months to 14 months, with some patients living much longer. He is already seeing remissions in other forms of cancer.

"It will take another five years," he warns, "before we know all the statistics. But I think it is just a matter of time until this method becomes widespread."



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Study proves wrong bomb blast effects

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A new study of the World War II atomic bomb blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki indicates cancer may be caused by much lower levels of radiation exposure than scientists currently believe, *Science* magazine reported.

"Some of the most important data on the effects of nuclear radiation on humans may be wrong," it said. "The new findings are far from welcome" and "will worry the advocates of nuclear power." The magazine reported on research being done at the Lawrence Livermore Weapons Laboratory in California and at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Science emphasized the findings are tentative, but said if they are accurate, the risk of dying of cancer after exposure to low level gamma radiation could double and the probability of contracting cancer after gamma radiation exposure could be quadrupled. Gamma radiation is emitted in the wastes from nuclear reactors.

The data, the magazine said, could lead to a rewriting of many basic documents on radiation hazards and an overhaul of nuclear industry safety rules, "drastically reducing radiation exposure limits."

The magazine said some scientists believe the new information strengthens the argument that there is no safe level of exposure to radiation, that every incremental hit of exposure increases the chances of injury.

It said the impetus for the research comes primarily from Livermore, where physicists William Loewe and Edgar Mendelsohn last year used a computer to reconstruct the two atomic explosions that rocked the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, killing more than 200,000 persons.

Their finding are being checked and complemented by a group at Oak Ridge led by George Kerr. "Their statistics show that most of the cancer caused by those bombs came from low LET gamma rays, suggesting this common type of radiation is more hazardous than had been assumed before," *Science* reported.

LET stands for Linear Energy Transfer. Low LET radiation loses relatively little energy as it travels along its course and includes electrons, gamma rays and X-rays. More dangerous high LET radiation loses energy more rapidly and includes beams of neutrons and protons.

Many scientists have believed that most of the cancer that showed up in Hiroshima after the bomb was caused by neutrons. But the new data, *Science* said, indicates the accepted figures for neutron radiation in that city "are grossly overstated."

"For example," it said, "the neutron radiation at a distance of 1,180 meters from the epicenter of the blast appears to have been overestimated by a factor of 6 to 10. Since the effects on human health remain the same, one must conclude that the gamma rays were more toxic than had been thought."

"The cancer mortality data from Hiroshima are the most valuable in the world," *Science* reported. "Unlike the data from Nagasaki, they are abundant enough to reveal a clear relationship between doses of radiation received and ill effects."

"The pattern suggests that any increase in radiation, no matter how small, directly increases the risk of getting cancer," it stated.

Science said it is too early to say precisely what that pattern will look like because now the doses must be recalculated for each radiation victim. However, it said most researchers "who spoke to the magazine" said the new data would probably increase the risk estimates for gamma radiation.


"The implications are far reaching for health regulation and nuclear power in this country in general," David Auton, a physicist with the defense nuclear agency, told *Science*. His office of target and damage assessment is funding the research at Oak Ridge that may confirm the dose estimates.

Auton said radiation standard-setters could eventually conclude from the research that many of the cancers produced in Hiroshima were caused by fast neutrons, but in such sharply-reduced numbers that "one must account for their effects by increasing the estimate of their potency."

Industrial safety rules would have to be revised, he said, reducing exposure limits for neutron radiation to one-tenth of the present limits. For critical jobs, companies would have to employ 10 times as many people, he added.

The article will appear in the May 22 issue of *Science*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Radiation Research Society will meet in Minneapolis May 31 to discuss the accuracy of these new estimates.


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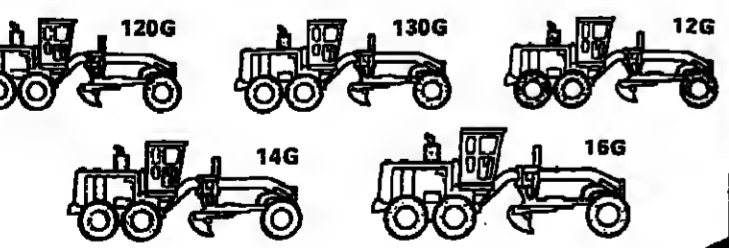
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Chinese warn U.S. on arms to Taipei

PEKING, May 15 (AFP) — China Friday restated its opposition to any United States arms sales to Taipei in the second such warning to Washington in 24 hours. Peking's *Workers Daily* made it clear that any such sales would hinder "the return of Taiwan to the motherland" and would go against "the feeling of the Chinese people and the aspirations of peace-loving people around the world."

Arms sales to the Republic of China would also "violate" the principles governing the 1979 Sino-American normalization," the newspaper added. It issued the fresh warning in answer to a reader's letter commenting on statements by U.S. presidential adviser for foreign affairs Edwin Meese Wednesday.

Meese told a Washington press conference that the United States would honor its commitments to Taipei, particularly the supply of

sufficient defensive equipment to maintain the "self-defense capability" of the republic, under the Taiwan Relations Act. The official New China News Agency Thursday attacked Meese for his statements.

The *Workers Daily* Friday reiterated Peking's opposition to the U.S. Taiwan Relations Act, saying it "violates in several parts" the principles of the Sino-American normalization as well as "the norms of international law".

The new Chinese campaign against closer ties between Washington and Taipei coincides with an official announcement that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will pay an official visit to China late next month.

The news agency Friday reported the U.S. State Department's denial of Chinese fears that the Reagan administration was contemplating restoring official relations with Taipei.



(Wirephoto)
TRAIN COLLISION: A bird's-eye view of Thursday's South Korean train collision in which 54 persons were killed and 233 injured when the Kyongsan Express rammed into the rear end of another train at Taegu, 160 kms south of Manila. President Chun Doo-Hwan personally inspected the accident site Friday and extended sympathy to the families of the dead and injured.

Talks with Botha Haig outlines Namibian plan

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP) — South African Foreign Minister R.F. Botha has met with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and said he sees a "very real possibility" of progress toward negotiating an end to South African control over the territory of Namibia.

Botha gave no details but his optimism apparently was based on a new plan that would give advance guarantees that the interests of the white minority would be safeguarded once the mostly black territory achieves independence.

The United States and four North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies which have been working as intermediaries devised new settlement proposals after a January effort by South Africa and other involved parties to negotiate an agreement ended in failure.

Haig outlined the new plan during a meeting Thursday of almost three hours with Botha that included a working luncheon. With Haig standing at his side, Botha told reporters, "I can see a very real possibility of moving ahead within the framework set out to me by the Secretary of State of what the United States would be willing to do and not do."

Haig said there are no deadlines for achieving a settlement. "I think our main interest is to put together a process that will succeed rather than to hastily contrive a process that will fail," he said. The Western plan reportedly calls for the drafting of a constitution for Namibia with guarantees for its white population in advance of elections and South African withdrawal from the territory.

Botha, asked about the idea of an advance constitution, said pro-South African political leaders in Namibia see it as a constructive proposal. "Whether it should be a constitution in fine print I can't say, but the idea of a document, a guarantee, a declaration of rights guaranteeing certain fundamental rights — that idea is a good one," he said.

Filipinos urged to vote 'Boy Cott'

MANILA, May 15 (AP) — An opposition leader who has called on Filipinos to stay away from the polls in the June 16 presidential election is now urging them to go out and vote, but for a fictitious character named "Boy Cott."

Assemblyman Salvador Laurel, one of the organizers of an opposition campaign calling for an election boycott, made the suggestion in the face of a threat from the watchdog commission on elections to prosecute anyone who will not vote unless he has "justifiable reason. Philippine law penalizes a person who does not vote in an election with imprisonment or fine."

The United Democratic Opposition, a coalition of opposition forces to which Laurel belongs, is not fielding a candidate, claiming the election is designed to perpetuate President Ferdinand E. Marcos, ruling since 1966, in power.

Sold as Indian scrap Norwegian brokers admit carrying tanks to Pretoria

OSLO, Norway, May 15 (AP) — Norwegian shipbrokers Fearnley and Eger Chartering Ltd. has admitted it helped to arrange transportation of 90 Centurion tanks from India to South Africa on Dec. 12, 1977, as reported Tuesday by Oslo weekly magazine *Vi Mann*.

In a statement to the press the shipbrokers said they did so because they had a firm impression that it was a transportation of discarded tanks sold as scrap. The United Nations imposed a total embargo on weapons for South Africa on Nov. 4, 1977.

According to Norwegian Foreign Ministry press spokesman Geir Grung the embargo did not take effect in Norway until Dec. 16, 1977, when approved by the national assembly. That was four days after Fearnley and Eger arranged the disputed sea transport.

The brokers said their commission for providing the Liberia-registered vessel *Scan Fuji* for this transportation amounted about \$3,000. "We considered it as a minor size routine transaction and in the documents we have about this shipment there are no information showing that this cargo was nothing but scrap," the company said.

Vi Mann alleged, however, that those involved in arranging the sea transport had

operated with two sets of shipping documents. It said one official set stated that the goods were for delivery in Barcelona, Spain, but that another secret set stated the goods were for Durban, South Africa. Fearnley and Eger did not comment on this allegation at all in their statement.

The magazine said the tanks were sold by India's Defense Ministry to Barreiros Hermanos International Sa of Madrid and that shipbrokers Fletaport Sa of Madrid had asked for offers to transport "90 engines at 50 tons a piece" from Bombay to Durban.

Geir Grung said Friday the Foreign Ministry has sent a letter to the shipbrokers asking for a full explanation of their involvement in this case. Grung said the ministry will not comment on the brokers' press statement until the ministry's letter has been replied.

Hussein Onn to quit

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, May 15 (AP) — Senior officials of Malaysia's ruling political party said Friday that Prime Minister Hussein Onn is relinquishing the party's presidency—in effect meaning that he will resign as prime minister. The party is known as the United Malays National Organization (UMNO).

New Florida hole devours garden

ALTAMONTE SPRING, Florida, May 15 (AFP) — When Dominick Cipollone, 76, went out to water his garden Thursday he got the shock of his life — the garden was gone, sunk to the bottom of a hole which threatened to devour his home, his neighbor's house and the biggest shopping center in Florida.

Two more holes appeared Thursday in Florida adding to the monster hole at Winter Park which has already gobbled up a house, six cars, a trailer home, half a parking lot and a swimming pool and the back of a row of shops. At Auburndale, some 40 kms northeast of Tampa, an orange grove and a road could be the next meal for a hungry hole which appeared there Thurs-

day. All traffic has been stopped from the road for fear cars could join the diet.

The curious are being kept away from the sink holes as the weight of a man could set off a further collapse. The Winter Park hole took only a day to spread 300 meters across the town. At Winter Park the garage owner whose five new Porsche sports cars worth some \$300,000 are sitting 55 meters down at the bottom of the hole is wondering how to get them back. A helicopter lift has been ruled out as too dangerous.

Geologists believe the holes are caused by underground caves collapsing as acidic water eats away the supports. A dry period, as Florida is now going through, dries out the ground and provokes the collapses.

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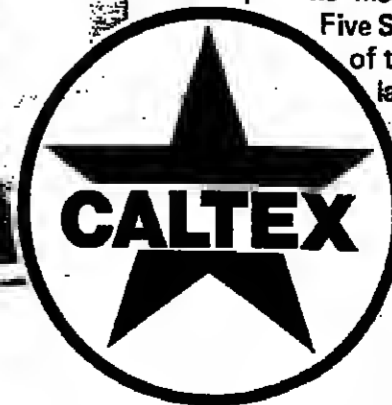
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Portugal 'assured' of quick U.S. aid

LISBON, May 15 (R) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has promised Portugal he will press for more and quicker American military aid for this NATO country, Defense Minister Luis Azevedo Coutinho has said.

He made the announcement Thursday at the end of 24-hour visit by Weinberger to discuss U.S. requests for increased military facilities in Portugal. Weinberger told reporters no specific decisions had been taken. But he said Portugal had shown understanding for U.S. arguments on the need for a Rapid Deployment Force to intervene in the defense of vital Western interests outside the NATO area.

Washington wants increased facilities at the mid-Atlantic Lajes Air Base in the Portuguese Azores to bring potential trouble spots in the Middle East within range of the new force. Weinberger also discussed possible U.S. sharing of the Beja base, south of Lisbon, which is leased to the West German air force.

Coutinho said Portugal would decide case by case whether to grant the U.S. facilities to intervene outside the NATO area. Lajes is a vital refueling point if the United States is to airlift troops and supplies rapidly to the Middle East.

Asked to comment on statements by Portuguese officials that Lisbon had assured Arab countries it would not allow Lajes to be used again to help Israel in a war, Weinberger said he had received no such indication. U.S. use of Lajes to ferry arms to Israel during the 1973 war prompted the Arabs to impose an oil embargo on Portugal.

Before Weinberger's visit, Portuguese officials indicated that Lisbon would link discussion of new military facilities with greater U.S. commitment to replace obsolete equipment for Portugal's armed forces.



LAST MEETING: French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, left, prepares his document at the start of his last cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace. Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncelet and Environment Minister Michel d'Ornano are seated next to him.

Press pleads for cheap facilities

PARIS, May 15 (AP) — The International Press Telecommunications Council, an organization representing 7,000 newspapers and press organizations worldwide, called on governments and space agencies Friday to provide cheap rooftop reception of news and photographs sent by satellite.

Newspapers in the United States already are receiving news and photos from the Associated Press and other agencies by the use of satellite and small receive-only earth stations built on their premises. But so far this form of reception, using satellites for transmission over wide areas, does not exist elsewhere in the world.

The council, at its annual congress in Paris, urged governments, postal authorities and satellite organizations — such as Intelsat, the international space consortium, and Eutelsat, a similar consortium of European postal administrations — to provide transmission facilities for leasing by press organizations.

The council stressed this was of particular importance to developing countries in Africa and elsewhere, which are handicapped by the present high cost of overland transmission and reception.

The council said the press around the world needed to follow the U.S. example by using small dish receivers operating in the 4-6 gigahertz frequency band. The council expressed concern that satellite services that might be made available to them would only be in the higher 12-14 gigahertz band susceptible to interruption during bad weather.

The council called on governments to follow the intention of the British government in allowing competition in the provision of satellite facilities.

Michel Saint-Pol of the French news agency Agence France Presse was elected chairman of the council, succeeding Chujo Watanabe of the Japanese Newspaper Publishers Association. The 1982 annual meeting was set for May 17 in Warsaw.

Lava kills 28 in Java

JAKARTA, May 15 (AFP) — Twenty-eight villagers were killed Thursday night when a flood of cold lava swept through two villages on the slopes of Mount Semeru, some 100 kms southeast of Surabaya, East Java, it was reported Friday.

According to a local official, 15 bodies had been recovered from under the lava, swept down the volcano by hours of heavy rains, the *Sinar Harapan* newspaper said. In a similar lava flood on the southern side of the volcano, about 100 persons were killed in November 1976.

'Think tank' study

Detente's value doubted

LONDON, May 15 (AP) — A prestigious independent "think tank" is questioning the usefulness of East-West detente as an instrument to solve the world's major problems. But it still is calling for more dialogue between Washington and Moscow.

A study of major strategic and security developments in 1980 and early 1981 suggests that the Soviet Union, in deep difficulties in Afghanistan and over Poland, may be more cooperative in arms control and in restraining its involvement in Third World conflict.

The survey was published Friday by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, a privately funded organization with members in some 60 countries.

The IISS said "detente in the 1980s, even more than in the previous decade, will scarcely be able to solve any of the major outstanding problems between East and West."

It adds, however, that perhaps detente "can reach the modest objective of helping to manage the crises that are bound to occur." The study said: "Even this will require not less but more dialogue between East and West, particularly between the two major powers."

The IISS document presents a resume of a period "when East-West dialogue and cooperation seemed to have reached their lowest for well over a decade." Both the Soviet Union and the United States, IISS said, "found their ability to control events diminished..."

Discussing Soviet and U.S. views of detente, IISS said: "For the Soviet Union, the ability to exploit differences within the Western alliance depended on her ability to demonstrate a continued willingness for detente, preferably in such a way as to make the United States appear as the main obstacle to significant progress in East-West relations."

"For the United States, endorsing the principle of detente was the condition for continued leadership in the alliance—otherwise West Germany, France and even Japan, in addition to the smaller European countries might disassociate themselves from her position."

"The study comes at a time when the United States, pressed by its main European allies, has just taken first cautious steps toward arms control with the Soviet Union."

Entering the debate over arms control, the IISS report said: "...In the 1980's, with her strategic position under challenge from new American efforts, arms control might offer

intrinsic attractions as a means of protecting Soviet strength by slowing and restricting U.S. programs—even if it were to demand substantive Soviet concessions."

IISS concluded: "It would therefore seem wrong to regard the Soviet Union's proposals for new arms control as mere propaganda"—a frequent argument heard in America.

On Poland, where independent trade unions were formed and the Polish Communist Party is attempting to retain its position, IISS said, "the possible implications are momentous: if the Polish compromise succeeds, it could herald the beginning of political pluralism in the East European part of the Soviet empire — and perhaps eventually in the Soviet Union herself."

Soviet military intervention, the study said, "might stop Polish workers from striking, but it would not get them to work more effectively..."

On Afghanistan, occupied since December 1979, by an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops, the IISS said a year later: "...The outcome was a stalemate." The Soviets achieved no success either in rebuilding the shattered Afghan army or in conferring legitimacy on the regime of Babrak Karmal in Kabul.

Reagan attends dinner under tight security

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP) — Under extraordinary security precautions, U.S. President Ronald Reagan have gone out to dinner for the first time since he was wounded in an assassination attempt six weeks ago.

The president and his wife Nancy were guests Thursday night at a private dinner at a Georgetown club a few minutes from the White House. Reporters had been told the president would be going out but had been asked not to say where he was going when, and his motorcade took an unusual route to get to the Georgetown club, eight minutes from the White House.

The area around the club, on busy Wisconsin Avenue, was sealed off for the Reagan's arrival and only the presidential limousine and its secret service follow-up cars pulled up outside the club. Press vans and other motorcade cars were held in position across the street and reporters were restricted to an area too far away to shout their usual questions and catch Reagan's attention.

As is customary on out-of-town trips but rarely seen when the president makes a stop at one of his usual spots in Washington, black-suited secret service sharpshooters perched on a rooftop overlooking the scene.

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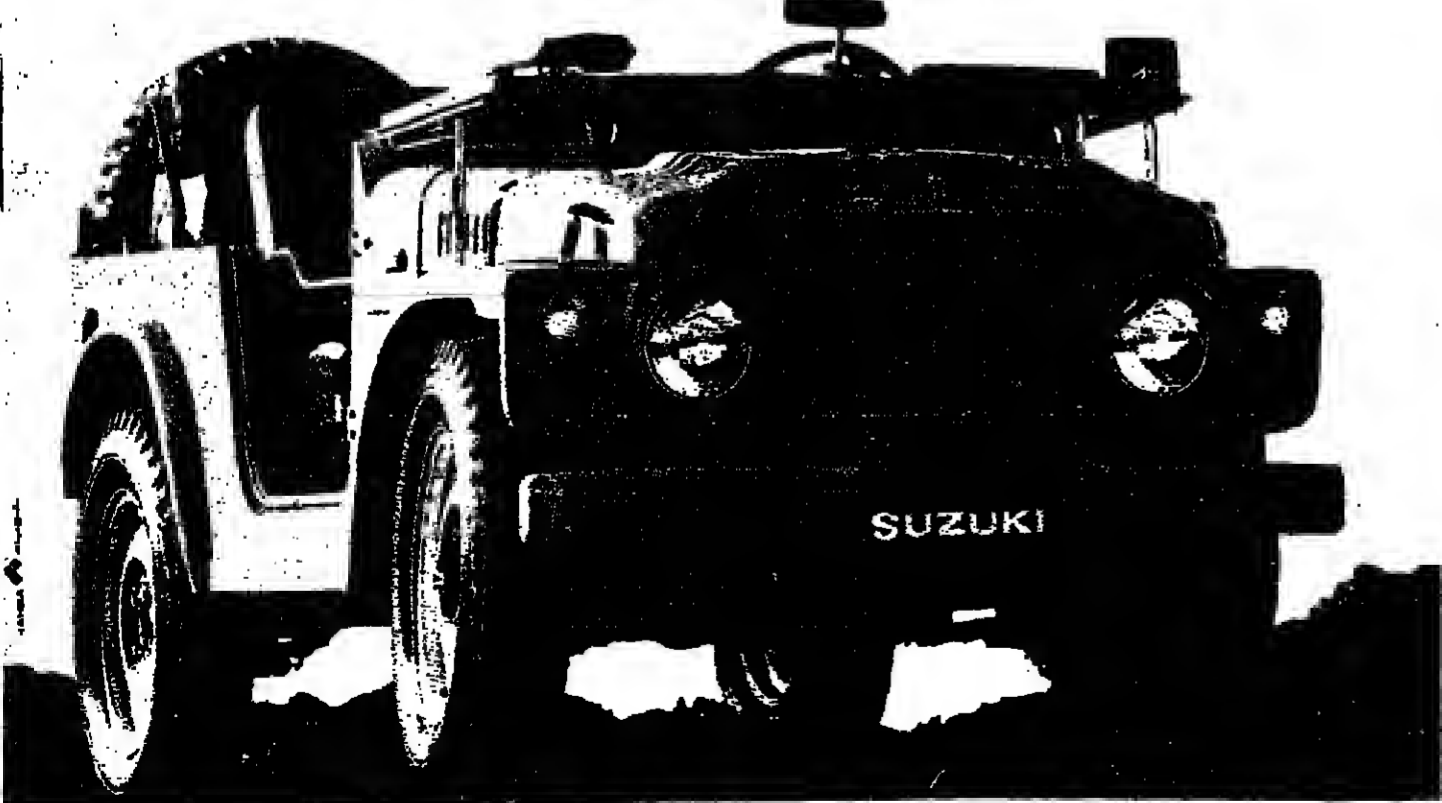
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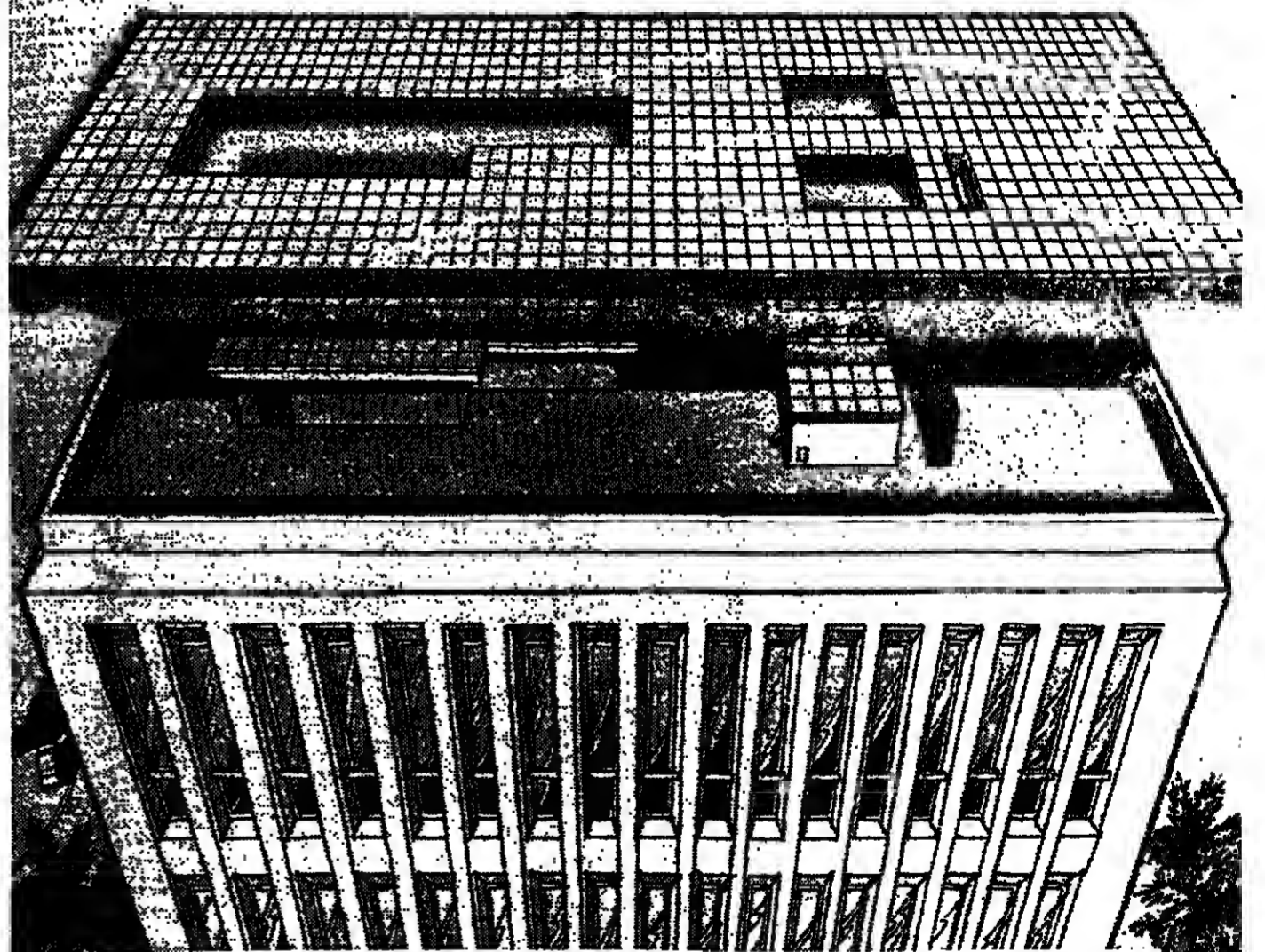
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Senate okays \$136b for U.S. arms buildup

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP) — The U.S. Senate has approved the Reagan administration's request to spend \$136.5 billion on a military buildup ranging from resurrection of a World War II battleship to space laser research.

The record defense authorization bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 was passed Thursday by a vote of 92-1 and sent to the House of Representatives, where the Armed Services Committee has approved a slightly smaller \$115.6 billion version. No date has been set for house action.

Earlier, by a vote of 96-0, the Senators adopted an amendment requiring a public report to Congress on overruns of more than 15 per cent on research and development contracts or 10 per cent on procurement contracts.

The bill reflects the conviction of the Reagan administration and the majority of the Republican-dominated Senate that, in the words of the Armed Services Committee's report on the legislation, "a sustained and increased defense effort is required" to match the Soviet Union.

It calls for nearly \$30 billion more than President Jimmy Carter requested before leaving office in January and for just \$1 million less than the amount requested by President Reagan.

It includes \$158 million to reactivate the battleship *New Jersey* and equip it with cruise missiles. Opponents argued that this money could be better spent on new, smaller ships,

but the navy argued that the *New Jersey* could be ready sooner — in about 21 months.

As amended on the floor Wednesday, the bill also includes \$50 million for research on the use of lasers to shoot down enemy missiles as they enter space. A laser is a device that can transmit large amounts of energy at the speed of light by sending a narrow beam over great distances. An amendment added Thursday called for \$31.2 million for research in launching optical probes into space to provide early warning in the event of a nuclear attack.

The Senate turned down funds for a 10th Trident missile submarine, embodying the conclusion of the Armed Services Committee that it found "continuing construction difficulties in the Trident submarine program to be unacceptable."

It approved \$2.4 billion for the MX missile, but reserved to Congress the right to disapprove, by a vote of both houses, a presidential decision on how to deploy the intercontinental ballistic missile. A blue-ribbon panel is scheduled to make a recommendation to the president by July 1 on whether to base it in the Western desert, as Carter proposed, or on submarines or elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives voted Wednesday to kill a \$3 billion appropriation to buy oil for the nation's strategic petroleum reserve next year, saying the money violated budget restrictions the house approved last week.

IMF to get \$1.29 billion from 13 states

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said 13 industrial countries had agreed to lend the agency \$1.29 billion over the next two years.

The funds will help the support the lending activities of the IMF, hard-pressed for additional financing by its members countries because of skyrocketing energy costs and economic problems, IMF said Thursday. The loan will be financed through the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, which is essentially a central bank for other central banks in Europe.

The loan agreement follows a similar but much larger lending arrangement between the IMF and Saudi Arabia. In that deal Saudi Arabia agreed to provide nearly \$10 billion over two years, with a possible additional four to five billion in a third year. The fund also said it was continuing discussions with other member countries, which monetary sources said were oil producing countries, including Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Russia, Syria sign economic accord

MOSCOW, May 15 (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Syria have signed an economic, technical and scientific cooperation, accord the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The accord, which was signed by Vladimir Mordvinov, vice-chairman of the Soviet state committee for foreign economic relations, and Syrian First Deputy Minister for Planning Hamid Mirei, also covered the development of agriculture, Tass said.

Japan's car firm ups sales to U.S., EEC

TOKYO, May 15 (AFP) — Toyota announced booming car sales last month to the United States and European Economic Community (EEC).

Shipments to the United States were 14.2 per cent up on a year earlier at 68,563 units, while those to the EEC were up 22 per cent to 22,480.

Nissan sales to the U.S. were 7.5 per cent down at 54,865 units and those to the EEC down 18.1 per cent to 17,128. Its total sales abroad were up 0.3 per cent to 121,000.

Oil firm seeks return of \$2.5b stock

LONDON, May 15 (R) — A British oil company is preparing a court battle against the Bank of England for return of stock worth £1.2 billion (\$2.5 billion) which it argues the bank unfairly wrested from it during lean times.

The shares represent the Burmah Oil Company's former 20 per cent stake in another oil firm, British Petroleum (BP).

BP is among the top seven world oil giants and the high court case scheduled to open June 2 is one of the biggest civil action ever brought in Britain.

The British state bank took the Burmah shares in BP, when their value was depressed, as the price of a financial rescue in 1975 when Burmah was hit by the first OPEC oil price shock and losses on its tanker operations.

Burmah, an oil and gas, shipping and industrial group, has recovered since then and its own shares are valued on the market at £216 million (\$453 million). Barring a last-minute out-of-court settlement, it faces up to three years of legal wrangling and the prospect it may have to take the fight to the House of Lords. Law members of the British upper house constitute the highest appeal court.

Burmah's shares are part of the state's 47 per cent holding of BP's sued capital. Some of Burmah's 164,000 shareholders responded to the takeover by forming an action committee.

From Bank of England

tee to fight for compensation or the return of the stock. They were angered because the lost shares soared soon after the deal was struck.

Those were dark days for the London stock market, plunged into its worst crisis since the crash of 1929, and the Bank of England paid just £180 million (\$380 million at current exchange rates) for Burmah's stake in BP.

But the market stalled a dramatic recovery, with the news on January 1, 1975, that the Bank of England had rescued Burmah among factors that buoyed the mood of investors. Solicitor Jonathan Stone, honorary treasurer of the shareholder action group, hopes a last-minute settlement may be reached out of court. Failing that, a key issue will be whether the Bank of England used improper economic duress to compel Burmah to sell it the BP shares, lawyers predicted.

Burmah's own fortunes, meanwhile, have revived. The company, which lost £13.6 million (\$28.5 million) in 1975, recorded a pre-tax profit in 1980 of £62.3 million (\$130 million).

As a result of the rescue, a BP executive, Sir Alistair Down, was brought in as Burmah's chairman, and slimmed the company with the early sale of assets in the United States, and the North Sea.

Last December, Burmah was able to announce it was giving up a remaining stand by credit facility with the Bank of England for £60 million (\$125 million) and repaying

£19.2 million (\$40.3 million) it had spent.

The measures to help Burmah had been taken "at no cost to the public purse," Sir Alistair said this month, while Burmah underlined its recovery by announcing that a group of leading banks had agreed to offer it long-term arrangements for credit facilities of £120 million.

Burmah's strength derives chiefly from oil and gas holdings which include an eight per cent stake in the North Sea thistle field, producing about 109,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude.

It has just obtained two new North Sea exploration licenses and is also seeking oil offshore in Gabon and in Sudan and has an interest in U.S. Gulf exploration. It operates the Pakistan Sui gas field.

The company has oil and liquefied gas tankers and a British refinery while marketing high-quality Castrol lubricants worldwide. British interests also include vehicle parts and a range of home-maintenance supplies.

Danish oilfield in North Sea goes on stream

COPENHAGEN, May 15 (AP) — Denmark's only oil-drilling licensee has said production has begun in the potentially lucrative "Gorm" oilfield in the North Sea.

The field is expected to increase the country's annual crude production eightfold when it reaches peak capacity in 1982. An announcement by the A.P. Moeller industrial group, the main leg of the Danish underground consortium, (DUC) said the first well of the Gorm field went on stream May 7 currently produces 3,400 barrels a day. A.P. Moeller's partners in the DUC are subsidiaries of Shell, Chevron and Texaco.

The announcement said five more wells will start production in "coming weeks" boosting the oil yield to 15,000 barrels a day. In addition, an A.P. Moeller spokesman said it expects to draw oil from a second platform in the field next spring to bring its total daily production to as much as 40,000 barrels.

The DUC, previously was producing oil only from its North Sea "DAN" field at the rate of 2.13 million barrels a year. When both wells are fully on stream, annual production is expected to reach 16.8 million barrels a year.

BRIEFS

According to reports from Penang, the council's buffer stock manager has bought more than 400 tons of tin over the last three days.

TOKYO, (AFP) — The recession-hit Japanese shipbuilding industry made a moderate recovery in the 1980 fiscal year, winning four per cent more orders than in the previous year, the Transport Ministry has said. The ministry said the yards won orders for 9.29 million tons of shipping in the previous fiscal year compared with 8.93 million gross tons' fiscal 1979.


PARIS, (AFP) — Rumors of a possible price freeze in France are "absolutely false", Jacques Delors, economic adviser to Socialist President-elect Francois Mitterrand, has told AFP. The process of freeing controlled prices will continue, particularly in the retail sector, if market forces operate satisfactorily, he said. But he added that he had no authority for his remarks as the new administration was not yet in office.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — U.S. imports of crude oil and petroleum products fell in April to 42 per cent of domestic demand against 45 per cent a year earlier, the American Institute of Petroleum said here. Imports were 5,400,000 barrels a day including 4,300,000 barrels of crude against 6,980,000 barrels include 5,600,000 barrels a year earlier. This was a fall of 22.6 per cent in a year.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Colombia has been granted \$100 million in loans from the Japanese Export-Import Bank, toward buying Japanese goods and services for two new power stations. These are the 158 megawatt Cerrejón plant being installed by the Corelca authority and the 150 megawatt Tasajero plant by Icel.

LONDON, (AFP) — The Tin Council will be taking steps "immediately" to plug the information "leak" in the Penang market (Malaysia) regarding the activity of the council's buffer stock manager, the council has

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Boston Celtics are NBA champions

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, May 15 — There were tears in Robert Reid's eyes as he hugged Chris Ford and congratulated him after the Boston Celtics had beaten the Houston Rockets 102-91 for the NBA crown. But through the tears he was smiling.

"The tears weren't because we lost," Reid explained. "The tears showed the emotion I felt at looking around and seeing all those Houston Rockets fans standing up for us. They could have left in the third quarter, but they didn't. They stayed with us. That's a great feeling."

In the third quarter, the Rockets were in big trouble. With 10 minutes left in the game, they were down by 17 points. But they made a characteristic comeback, scoring 12 straight points and out-scoring the Celtics 16-2 to close to within three points with 4 minutes 23 seconds left to play.

The fans were on their feet then. It was a superb effort which, even though it fell short, was a tribute to the way the Rockets fought their way through an incredible series of playoff upsets.

The fans were on their feet again with 24 seconds to play when it was obvious that the

series was over after six games. A series that everyone outside of Houston expected to end in four games went to six. For the Rockets, it was two blowouts, two victories and two good, close games.

"I think the comeback characterizes the kind of team this is," Reid said. "Even when we were down by 17, we didn't quit. Nobody got jittery, nobody took rush shots, we climbed the offensive boards. I don't think they got a fast break in that whole streak."

For Rockets coach Del Harris, "this play-off trip has been a semi-miracle. We've overcome a number of obstacles and won a lot of key games." One thing the Rockets got out of the series was some respect. "We went down fighting. We didn't roll over and die," said Reid.

The consolation for the Rockets was knowing that they put up more of a fight in this series than the Celtics expected. Moses Malone of the Rockets sounded off earlier in the series against the Celtics he said, because people like Cedric Maxwell had counted the Rockets out so early.

"Maxwell said that whoever won the Philadelphia series would win the NBA title," Malone said. "He was talking like the Houston Rockets wouldn't even be an issue. I think we were an issue."

Soviet soccer players held for shoplifting

ZUTPHEN, Netherlands, May 15 (AP) — Almost the entire junior selection of the Ararat soccer team from Erevan, Soviet Armenia, wound up in a Dutch jail after they had been picked up by police on shoplifting charge, a spokesman for the public prosecutor's office in this town in the east of the Netherlands said Thursday.

The ten Soviet soccer players, aged 17-19, were arrested Wednesday after shopowners from a nearby village where they were lodged for the duration of a local tournament complained the young Armenians had been on a two-day shoplifting spree. The spokesman said they had "helped themselves freely" to jeans, underwear, swimming suits, tobacco and cigarette lighters from open display counters.

The youngsters, who were said to have stolen goods to an amount of about \$150 each, were released a few hours later after having returned all of their loot to the rightful owners.

"They had never seen anything like this," the spokesman said. "Apparently, they thought you could take whatever you wanted." The shopkeepers decided not to press charges, he added.

Floyd, Sullivan tie for lead in Colonial Golf

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 15 (AP) — Veteran Ray Floyd birdied the final hole to finish off a 4-under-par 66 that gave him a tie for the lead with Mike Sullivan in Thursday's first round of the \$300,000 Colonial National Invitation Golf Tournament.

"The golf course is in such good condition, I'd expect the total scoring to be down quite a bit," Floyd said. Generally, it was. But two of golf's leading lights found their difficulties on the tough old Colonial Country Club course

that stretches some 7,190 yards along the banks of the Trinity River.

Tom Watson, current holder of the British Open and Masters titles and golf's leading performer over the last four years, struggled to a 76 that put him in danger of missing the cut when the select field of 102 is trimmed to the low 70 scorers at the end of 36 holes.

Most of Watson's troubles came on the par-3 13th hole. Bruce Lietzke, who scored his third victory of the year last weekend in a

playoff with Watson at the Byron Nelson Classic in Dallas, could do no better than match par 70 in the mild, sunny weather. "I just didn't concentrate very well," said Lietzke, the defending champion.

Sullivan turned in 1-under, wedged to five feet with a birdie on the 11th, dropped a long putt on the 13th and tied Floyd with a three-iron shot within tap-in distance on the 15th.

One shot off the lead at 67 were Tom Kite, who chipped in for birdie on the last hole.

Angels whip Brewers

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP) — Butch Hobson's bases-loaded triple sparked a four-run California second inning and Geoff Zahn pitched a five-hitter, leading the Angels to a 9-1 victory Thursday over the slumping Milwaukee Brewers.

Don Baylor added a solo home run for the Angels, who have won five games in a row and six of their last seven. The Brewers lost for the seventh time in their last eight games.

Baylor, who homered in the fifth, doubled home California's first run in the opening inning. With the bases loaded and none out in

the second, Hobson hit a line drive to left field. Ben Oglivie missed a try for an ankle-high catch and the ball bounced past him for a three-run triple, chasing loser Jim Slaton.

In the only other American League day game, Dave Schmidt's first Major League home run, a leadoff shot in the 11th inning, helped the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-7.

Schmidt's homer was the fourth in Boston's 15-hit attack and came off Reliever Don Cooper. Tony Perez, Carney Lansford and Dave Stapleton also homered for the Red Sox, who blew a 6-0 lead when Minnesota scored six times in the sixth inning and then had to rally to tie the score on Stapleton's RBI double in the eighth.

In the National League, a dropped wind-blown fly ball by San Francisco center fielder Bill North with two out in the eighth inning embled the Philadelphia Phillies to score the tying and lead runs and beat the Giants 3-1.

Winner Dick Ruthven and loser Vida Blue were locked in a scoreless duel until the Giants scored in the seventh on Mit May's RBI single.

But in the top of the eighth, Mike Schmidt singled and went to second on Manny Trillo's hit. One out later, Larry Bowa lofted a fly to right-center.

Connors drops set to Smid

HAMBURG, West Germany May 15 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States beat Tomas Smid 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 Friday to enter the semifinals in the 75th West German Open Tennis Tournament.

Connors had reached the quarterfinals after clearly beating West Germany's Klaus Eberhard 6-3, 6-0 Thursday. Rain interrupted Thursday's play, causing other competitors to come out Friday morning for "an early shift."

To it, defending German Open champion Harold Solomon of the United States beat Chile's Hans Gildemeister 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals.

In other matches, Balasz Taroczy of Hungary beat Jose Higuera of Spain 6-3, 6-1. Angel Gimenez of Spain beat Ricardo Ycaza of Ecuador 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Tom Gullikson took a hard-won match from Ilie Nastase, 6-4, 1-6, 7, and Stan Smith beat Tom Gorman 7-6, 6-4 Thursday on the second day of the Bank of Oklahoma Tennis Classic.

Earlier, Dick Stockton played nearly flawless tennis to upset Eddie Dibbs, 6-3 and Roscoe Tanner defeated Pat Dupre 6-0, 6-0. Smith's victory in the last match of the day means he will meet Tanner on Friday night.

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As Villa gets a brace

Tottenham wrests F.A. Cup

WEMBLEY, England, May 15 (AP) — Argentine international Ricardo Villa scored twice to give Tottenham Hotspur a thrilling 3-2 victory over Manchester City in the F.A. Cup final replay at Wembley Stadium Thursday night.

Villa, substituted after a dismal performance when the two teams drew 1-1 in the 100th Cup final Saturday, put Tottenham into the lead in the eight minute and then scored a brilliant solo winner with just 13 minutes remaining.

Steve MacKenzie (10th minute) and Kevin Reeves (50th minute penalty) had given underdog City a 2-1 lead, canceling out Villa's early effort, but Garth Crooks equalized in the 71st minute and then Villa produced his moment of magic.

The big, bearded Argentine, who has spent so long in the shadow of his compatriot Osvaldo Ardiles, beat off three tackles on a mazy run before firing to be the decider from close range. It was a remarkable moment of triumph for the South American, who left the pitch in tears Saturday.

Tottenham's victory was well deserved. This was a pulsating final, thoroughly enjoyed by a sellout 92,000 crowd, but Tottenham had the class. Manchester City had only graft to offer in exchange. Tottenham now has won six F.A. Cup finals it has contested.

The London club started in sensational fashion, shaking off the tiredness of Saturday, when it was outplayed for long periods, to score after only eight minutes.

Ardiles, idol of the Tottenham fans, went on a solo run to set up a chance for striker

Steve Archibald. Archibald's shot was blocked by goalkeeper Joe Corrigan but the ball broke loose to Villa, who rammed it home low and hard.

Manchester City was level less than three minutes later. The Tottenham defense, perhaps a little relaxed, only half-cleared the ball and Tommy Hotchison headed the ball to MacKenzie. The mop-haired teenager volleyed the ball home with his right foot from 20-meters out. It was a goal worthy of any occasion.

Only a minute later Glenn Hoddle forced Corrigan to palm out a long range drive that could have restored Tottenham's lead and the commitment that was missing on Saturday was evident in every attacking move the Spurs launched.

In the 29th minute Corrigan's left fist prevented Villa from scoring a second goal and just on half-time the City goalkeeper made another fine save from Tooy Galvin.

Tottenham's 12 first half-half scoring attempts to City's four counted for nothing in the 50th minute, however, when Kevin Reeves put the Manchester club ahead with a controversial penalty.

Paul Miller and Chris Hughton fouled Dave Bennett in the penalty area and Reeves, totally cool, stroked the spot kick home with his right foot.

Tottenham's anger spilled over into violence for a few minutes and the game teetered on the brink of going out of control. Instead Tottenham regained control of midfield and had a 70th minute penalty appeal turned down when Tommy Catoo appeared to handle in the area. The penalty was un-

ceeded. Just a minute later Hoddle clipped a brilliant ball through the middle, splitting the City defense. Archibald got a touch but Crooks raced through to stab the ball past the out-rushing Corrigan. It was the black striker's 22nd goal of the season.

The equalizer revived all Tottenham's passion. The artistry and skill came flooding back, and Villa's goal was the crowning glory. With only 13 minutes left Manchester City manager John Bond had little option but to throw on substitute Dennis Tueart for full back Bobby McDonald, but not even the experienced Tueart could save this brave City side.

TEAMS:
TOTTENHAM: Milija Aleksic; Chris Hughton, Paul Miller, Graham Roberts, Steve Perryman; Ricardo Villa, Osvaldo Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks, Tony Galvin.

MANCHESTER CITY: Joe Corrigan; Ray Ranson, Nicky Reid, Tommy Catoo, Bobby McDonald; Paul Power, Larry Gow, Steve MacKenzie; Dave Bennett, Kevin Reeves, Tommy Hutchison.



BRACE: Ricardo Villa, who got a brace for Tottenham Hotspur and helped them win the F.A. Cup beating Manchester City 3-2 in the replayed final Thursday.

In Stanley Cup finals

Islanders move ahead

UNIONDALE, New York, May 15 (AP) — Denis Potvin scored two goals, including a power play tally eight minutes into the third period that provided the New York Islanders with a 6-3 victory over the Minnesota North Stars Thursday night, giving the Islanders a 2-0 lead in the Stanley Cup finals.

Mike Bossy, with his 14th and 15th goals of the playoffs, tied a record with 25 points in one postseason. The record was set a year ago by teammate Bryan Trottier, who in this game broke Bobby Orr's record of points in consecutive playoff games. His assist on Bossy's second goal of the night gave him a point in all 15 Islander playoff games this year.

The next two games of the best-of-seven National Hockey League Championship series will be played at Bloomington, Minnesota, Sunday and Tuesday nights.

The North Stars climbed out of a 3-1 hole to knot the score on Steve Payne's 14th goal of the playoffs 30 seconds into the third period. But New York took advantage of a tripping penalty on Neal Broten as Potvin fired a 40-foot wrist shot past a screened Don Beaupre in the Minnesota goal.

In the first period, the Islanders' star defenseman had blasted a 55-foot slap shot past Beaupre's outstretched glove to give

New York a 3-1 lead. Earlier in that period, Bossy connected on a power play with a wrist shot from the slot and Bob Nystrom sent a perfectly placed shot from the left wing circle into the far corner of the net.

But the young North Stars, bolstered by the play of five rookies, mounted their come-back. Rookie Brad Palmer's 30-foot slap shot went over goalie Bippy Smith's shoulder at 9:15 of the second period to make it 3-2.

Beaupre then kept the North Stars in the game with several miraculous saves, including three against Bob Bourne while he was lying on the ice. Payne tied it by knocking a rebound past Smith, who apparently injured his right shoulder on the play but remained in the game.

Then Potvin took over, scoring his game-winner and setting up Ken Morrow for an insurance goal that game Potvin 100 career playoff points.

The North Stars had one last chance to get back into the game but were ineffective while holding a two-man advantage for 1:27 late in the third period. Then the Islanders cemented it when Bossy scored again with 3:38 to play.

Dino Ciccarelli added to his rookie playoff record to open the scoring at 3:38 of the first period.

To keep European title

Sibson outpoints Amana

BILBAO, Spain, May 15 (R) — Britain's Tony Sibson, made a successful first defence of his European middleweight boxing title with a solid points win over Spaniard Andoni Amana Thursday night.

Sibson, 23, took the initiative from the start and dominated the first six rounds. He repeatedly pinned his rival on the ropes with deft use of his powerful left. Amana, 28, slipped in the seventh and received the mandatory eight count from the French referee. By the end of the round he had recovered sufficiently to open a cut above the holder's right eye.

Despite the cut and a poor ninth round, Sibson continued to take the fight to Amana and it was no surprise when he was declared the winner. Sibson said: "Although I was confident before the bout I must admit this

was one of the toughest fights I've had since I turned professional."

Minter to fight Hamsho
 Meanwhile, former champion Alan Minter of Britain and Syrian-born Mustafa Hamsho, the World Boxing Council's top two middleweight contenders, will meet in a 10-round bout in Las Vegas on June 6, promoter Don King announced Thursday.

Minter has won 39 fights — 23 within the distance — and lost seven. He took the undisputed title from Vito Antuofermo in March last year then lost it to current champion Marvin Hagler in September.

Hamsho, now based in New York, has a record of 29 wins, one loss and one draw. He has stopped 16 opponents. Hagler, defends his crown against Antuofermo in Boston on June 13.

Joel Garner strikes deady

LONDON, May 15 (AP) — New Zealanders Richard Hadlee and South African Clive Rice produced fine performances against Leicestershire Thursday to take Nottinghamshire to within 84 runs of their first English County Cricket Championship victory of the season.

Rice hit 66 to help Paul Todd overhaul Leicestershire's modest 170 and Hadlee beld up the tail-end with another 66. The same pair spearheaded a pace bowling assault which saw Leicestershire busted out for 195. Hadlee took two for 43 and Rice two for 45.

Middlesex pace bowler Mike Stevey picked up five for 91 a Yorkshire was rolled over for 207 at Headingley. Former England Test star Bob Woolmer made a fluid 83 as Kent took apart injury-hit Warwickshire, robbed of six players. Kent held a lead of 249 at the close of play.

West Indies fast bowler Joel Garner enjoyed a new ball burst of three for 23 but his Somerset county teammates let Lancashire back into the clash.

Garner had the home batting struggling on 63 for five, but a sixth-wicket partnership of 87 by David Lloyd and David Hughes prevented a Lancashire follow on. Hughes made 87 and Lloyd 66. Lancashire totaled 244, only 65 behind on first innings, then restricted Somerset to 46 for three by the close. Garner finished with five for 59.

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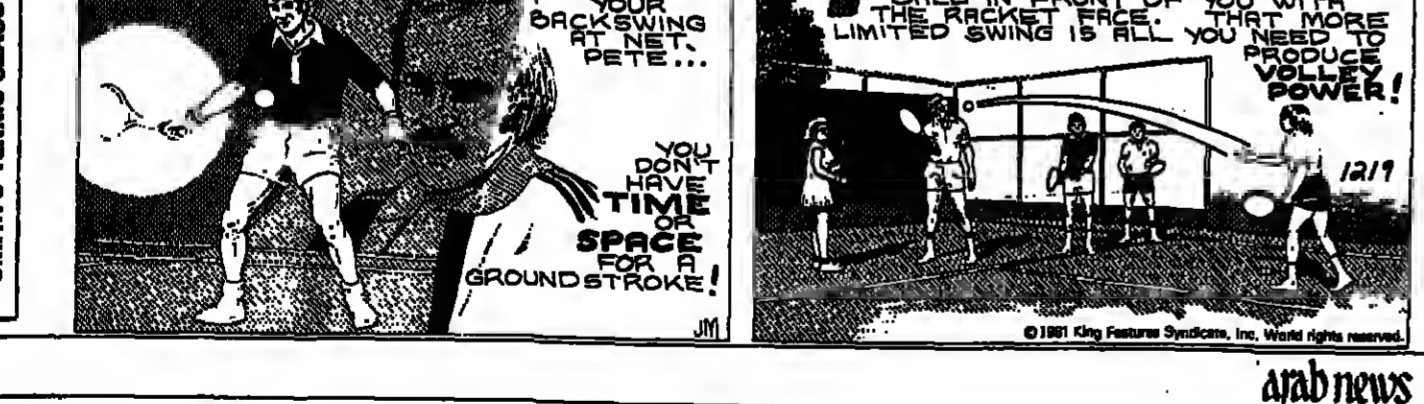
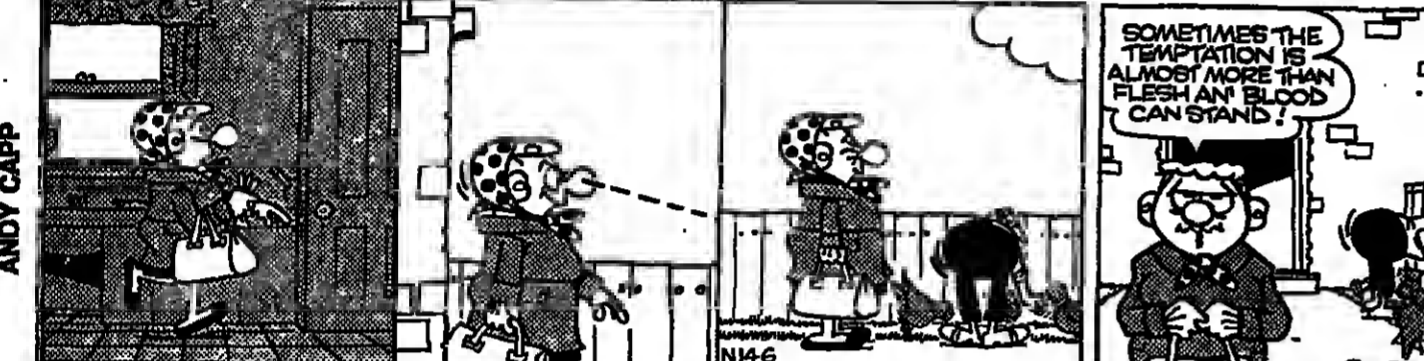
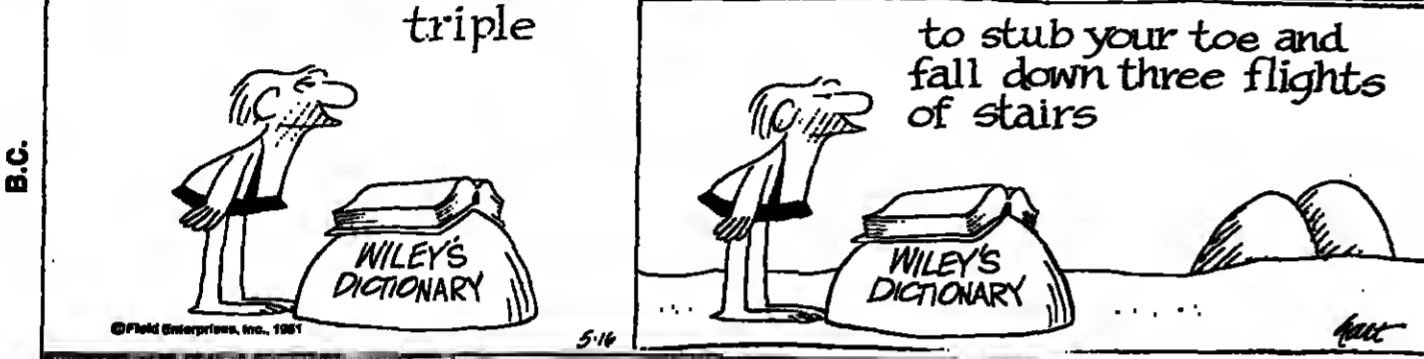
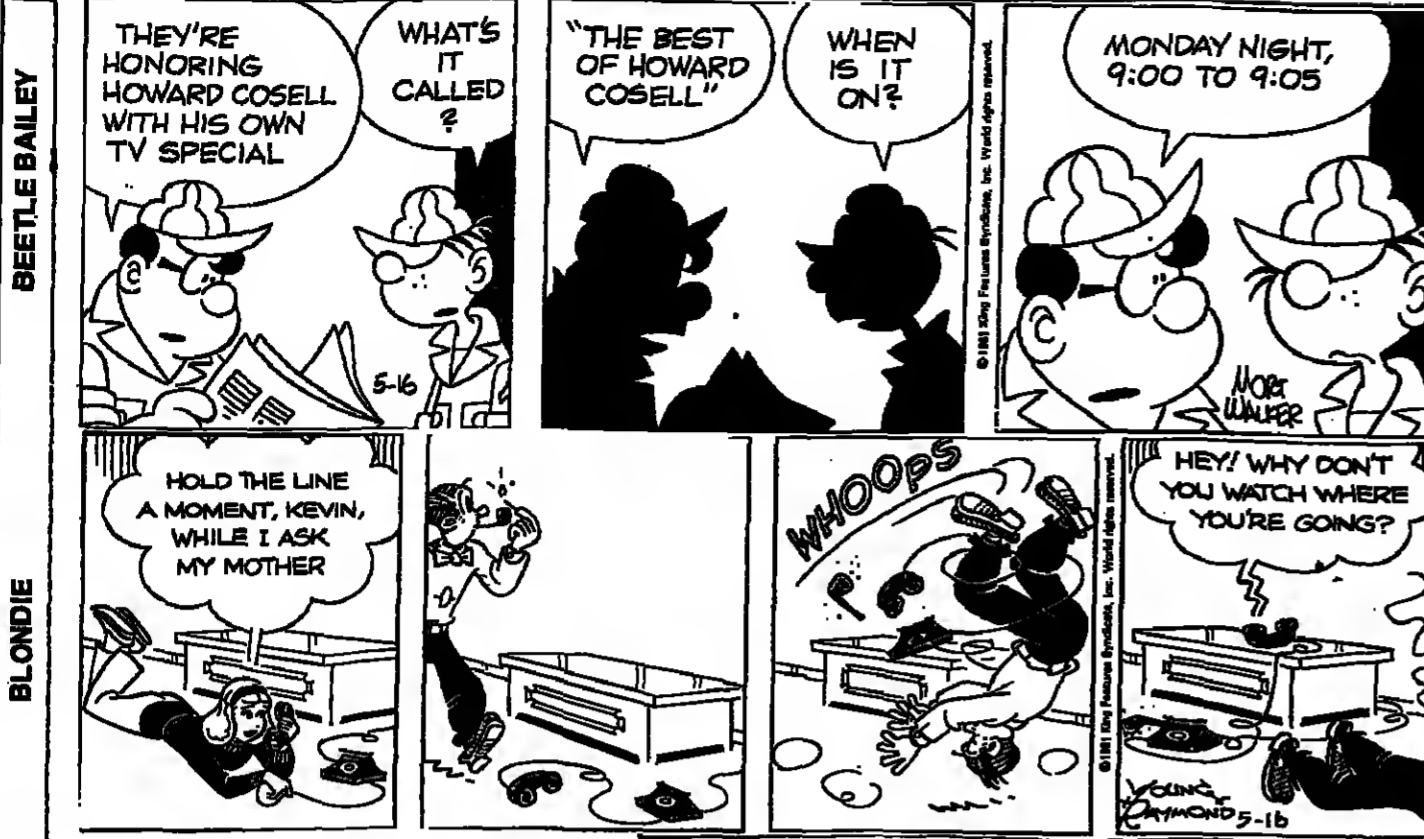


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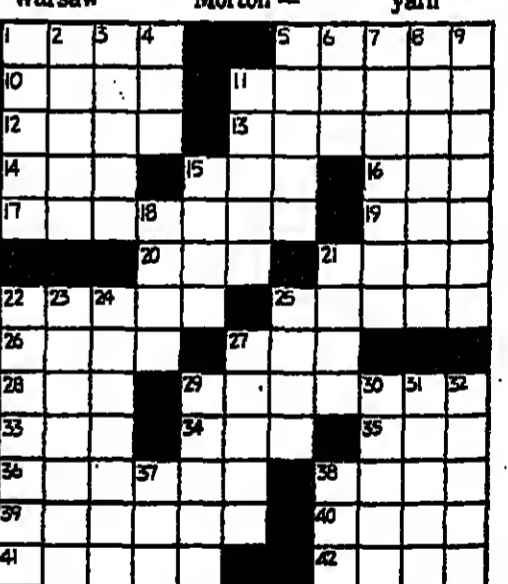
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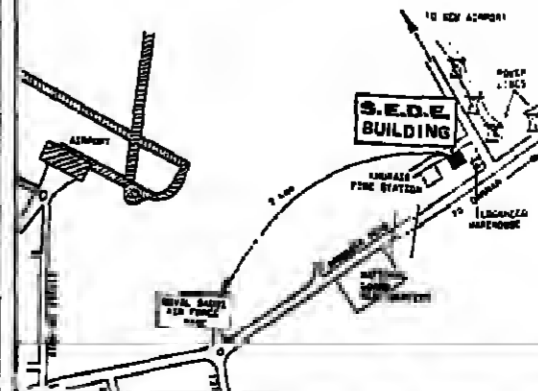
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